



TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 900-hour program

Assisting Medical Professionals with Dental Examinations | Sterilize and Prepare Instruments
Polish Teeth | Take and Develop X-rays | Take Impressions of Teeth

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

- Current Sophomore, Junior, and Senior students may apply
 - One credit of English with a C or better
 - One credit of a Lab Science with a C or better
 - Copy of unofficial transcript
 - Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries due
 - Immunizations must be up-to-date/ no exemptions
 - All required course hours must be completed within each semester. Limited makeup hours available
- *Program requirements are subject to change per industry age restrictions, certification requirements, and administrative discretion.

Meeting application criteria does not guarantee enrollment.

COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance into the program:

- \$125.00 registration fee (includes enrollment processing, supplies & leadership development)
- The dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements will be addressed at registration and orientation.
- West-MEC provides two uniform shirts. (Other uniforms/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student.)
- After Early Graduation, Graduation, or GED completion, additional program fees will apply.

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

- This industry credential is required for employment in the field a majority of the time
 - Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Radiation Health and Safety Certification
 - American Heart Association CPR/AED
 - American Dental Association(ADA) HIPAA Compliance Training Completer
- This industry credential is preferred for employment in the field a majority of the time is sought after by employers, candidates with this industry credential are likely to be given priority in hiring over others who do not hold it
 - Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)
- This industry credential is relevant for employment in the field a majority of the time. is acknowledged by employers, candidates with this industry credential will signal to employers knowledge in the area but may not get priority in hiring over someone with industry experience
 - Occupational Safety & Health Administration-OSHA 10

CAREER PATHWAYS

- Dental assistant, orthodontic assistant, dental hygienist*, general dentistry*, orthodontist*, oral surgeon*, periodontist*, endodontist*, prosthodontist*
- Entry level salary range: \$13.70 - \$17.76 per hour**

*with additional education in this pathway | **Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment & Wages



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Dental Assisting

West-MEC 2021-22

LOCATION & HOURS

West-MEC Northwest Campus:

13201 W. Grand Avenue
Surprise, AZ 85374
623.877.6914

Monday - Friday

1st Year: 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM
2nd Year: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

(Transportation provided by the student/parent)

West-MEC Southwest Campus:

500 N Verrado Way
Buckeye AZ 85326
623.872.6260

Monday - Friday

1st Year: 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM
2nd Year: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

NOTE: West-MEC & high school calendars may not align

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- West-MEC programs are competitive.
- The order for filling seats by grade level is as follows:
 - Current sophomores
 - Current juniors*
 - Current seniors*
- Applications are ranked, in part, by attendance, GPA, discipline, and career choice (ECAP) - (see a sample rubric at <https://west-mec.edu>).
- Copy of birth certificate and immunizations due at the time of registration
- Program hours are not excused for participation in extracurricular activities, athletics, or employment.
- West-MEC priority application submission date is in February.
- Contact school counselors for earlier deadlines for submitting applications to high school
- West-MEC provides accommodations and modifications identified in the IEP/504 for students who are concurrently enrolled in high school. Students who graduate from high school or have a GED will not be eligible for IEP serves. The student will need to self-advocate for reasonable accommodations that are aligned to industry certifications.
- *Details regarding additional program costs are available at <https://west-mec.edu>

STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline
- Strong interest in a chosen career pathway
- Completed or enrolled in Biology preferred
- Strong hand-eye coordination with fine motor skills and stamina
- Manual dexterity and physical ability to use tools, equipment, and machinery
- Ability to get along with other students and cooperate with instructor
- Ability to work accurately/follow procedures to an industry-standard
- Strong technical reading and study skills; the textbook for this course is written at the college reading level

GRADING SCALE

Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Percent	90%-100%	80%-89%	70%-79%	60%-69%	59% or below

CREDITS ISSUED BY WEST-MEC

- High School - 6 elective credits
- 3 elective credits per year)
- High school credits are awarded each semester
- This program satisfies the AZ university admissions requirement. (AZ Board of Regents CTE/Fine Arts credit)

Students may not be enrolled in two or more West-MEC Central Programs at the same time

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