



## TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 900-hour program

- Work daily with certified professionals to manage an animal wellness clinic that provides training, enrichment, and socialization to adoptable animals
- Deliver quality veterinary care by assisting with restraint, examinations, and preparation for x-rays and surgeries
- Explore the science of veterinary medicine including nutrition, disease prevention, and anatomy and physiology

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\*

- Current Sophomore, Junior, and Senior students may apply
- One credit each of English, Math, and Science all with a C or better
- Students who do not meet program requirements may apply under a “Student Success Action Plan” through their high school counselor.
- Copy of unofficial transcript
- Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries
- 100-hour externship required to sit for NAVTA exam

\*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 non-refundable registration fee (includes enrollment processing, supplies, and leadership development)
- West-MEC provides two uniform shirts. (Other uniform/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student.)
- Dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements will be addressed prior to the start of classes.
- Optional dual enrollment will result in additional fees.
- After Early Graduation, Graduation, or GED completion, registration fee and tuition will apply\*.

\*Details regarding additional tuition costs are available [here](#)

## INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

TESTS SCHEDULED & FEES PREPAID BY WEST-MEC

- 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
  - National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) Veterinary Assistant Certification
  - Fear-Free - Fear-Free Certification

## CAREER PATHWAYS

- Veterinary assistant, laboratory animal caretaker, veterinarian\*, veterinary technician\*, CTE teacher\*
- Entry-level salary range: \$12.15\*\*\* - \$14.39 per hour\*\*

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

## LOCATION & HOURS

### West-MEC Northeast Campus:

1617 W Williams Drive  
Phoenix AZ 85027  
623.435.4920

#### Monday - Friday

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

### West-MEC Northwest Campus

13201 W. Grand Avenue  
Surprise AZ 85374  
623.877.6914

#### Monday - Friday

1st Year: 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM  
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM  
2nd Year: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

### West-MEC Southwest Campus

500 N. Verrado Way  
Buckeye AZ 85326  
623.872.6260

#### Monday - Friday

1st Year: 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM  
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM  
2nd Year: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

- **Transportation provided by the student/parent**
- **Summer hours may be required to complete the externship**

**NOTE: West-MEC and high school calendars may not align**



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## ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- West-MEC programs are competitive.
- Students may only be enrolled in **one** West-MEC Central Program at a time.
- 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)
- Copy of birth certificate and immunizations due at 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 your school counselors for your school's application deadline.
- West-MEC provides accommodations and modifications identified in the IEP/504 for high school students. Students who graduate from high school or have a GED will not be eligible for IEP services. Graduated students will need to self-advocate for reasonable accommodations which are aligned to industry certifications.

## STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline, and on track for graduation
- Strong interest in chosen career pathway
- Completed or enrolled in Biology preferred
- Comfortable performing animal dissections and handling bodily fluids
- Must be able to distinguish lower volume sounds
- 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
- Basic animal behavior understanding and comfort working with animals
- 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 AZ university's admissions requirements. (AZ Board of Regents CTE/Fine Arts credit)

## Post-Secondary Opportunities (Optional)

- West-MEC has a strong partnership with Maricopa Colleges and we strive to provide robust post-secondary opportunities for students.
- Dual Enrollment is for eligible High School students who want to earn college credits while taking West-MEC courses.
- Students can earn community college credit for classes, and upon graduation, transfer the credits towards specific degrees at community college or university.
- High school graduates or students with a GED are not eligible to participate in Dual Enrollment.
- Due to staffing and curriculum changes, we advise the following:
  - Dual Enrollment is offered based on West-MEC faculty qualifications.
  - Dual Enrollment may not be offered in every program or on every campus.
  - Dual Enrollment credit offerings and college pathways are finalized every year during the first month of school.
- Post-secondary pathways, including Dual Enrollment, are updated on [west-mec.edu/dual-enrollment](http://west-mec.edu/dual-enrollment)

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