



## TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 900-hour program

- Perform digital x-rays, chair-side assistance, and use advanced instrumentation and technology to work alongside a dental professional
- Develop the passion to make a difference by educating adults and children on the importance of oral health and hygiene
- Take impressions, make dental models, and create whitening trays

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\*

- Current Sophomore, Junior, and Senior students may apply
- One credit of English with a C or better
- One credit of Science 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 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 non-refundable registration fee includes enrollment processing, supplies, leadership development, & uniform shirts. Other uniforms/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student.
- The dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements will be addressed prior to the start of classes.
- 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 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

RECOMMENDED TEST SCHEDULED & PAID FOR BY STUDENT

- 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) - Coronal Polish

## CAREER PATHWAYS

- Dental assistant, orthodontic assistant, dental hygienist\*, general dentistry\*, orthodontist\*, oral surgeon\*, periodontist\*, endodontist\*, prosthodontist\*, CTE teacher\*
- Entry-level salary range: \$13.91 - \$20.34 per hour\*\*

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

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## 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.
- 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 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 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 that are aligned to industry certifications.

## STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline, and on track for graduation
- 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)



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