Esports

ONE-YEAR PROGRAM - 270-hour program
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Esports students develop games, compete in Esports, and connect with peer gamers.
- Students in Esports plan, design, produce tournaments (e.g. Arizona High School Smash Bros) including streaming, casting, bracket running, setup/teardown, and all aspects of production and marketing.
- Using specialized knowledge, students compete in League of Legends, Rocket League and other tournaments.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

- Current Sophomore and Junior students may apply (early graduates may not apply)
- Grade 10: Placement into college-level Reading by using **ONE** of the college placement test below:

  - Accuplacer Next Gen Reading:: 249 or higher
  - EdReady Critical Reading: 90 or higher
  - SAT Reading Score: 510 or higher
  - ACT Reading Score: 22 or higher

- Grade 11: High school GPA of 3.0 or higher, unweighted, based on a 4.0 scale, copy of unofficial high school transcript* OR one of the qualifying test results from options listed above
- Copy of unofficial transcript
- Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries
- Copy of birth certificate and immunizations/State Exemption Form due at the time of enrollment
- Transportation is not provided by West-MEC. Families are responsible for providing transportation to and from West-MEC.
- Student State issued ID, driver's license, or driver's permit due at registration
- Parent Proof of Citizenship & 1 year of Arizona residency due at enrollment (non-resident is responsible for the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition)

  *Program requirements are subject to change per industry age restrictions, certification requirements, and administrative discretion.
  Meeting application criteria does not guarantee enrollment.
  The Accuplacer test is available at no charge at:
    **Paradise Valley Community College 602.787.7000
  For resources to help with Accuplacer or EdReady, visit:
  https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/testing-services/course-placement-assessments

COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance into the program:

- $150.00 non-refundable registration fee includes enrollment processing
- It is recommended that students have access to a personal computer and reliable internet outside of class to complete assignments and projects.
- The dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements will be addressed at registration and orientation.
- Early Graduation or GED completion will result in the student being charged college tuition fees. Tuition Payment Agreement.
- Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) recipients may select West-MEC is an approved vendor*
- College textbooks & uniforms - approximately $435 (Prices for new textbooks are approximate and may change due to community college requirements.)

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

TEST FEES PREPAID BY WEST-MEC

- This industry credential is required for employment in the field a majority of the time
  - None at this time.

CAREER PATHWAYS

- Audio & Video Technicians, Producers and Directors, Web and Digital Interface Designers, Web and Software Developers, Computer Programmers, *Agents and Business Managers of Artists, Performers, and Athletes, *Broadcast Technicians, and *Sound Engineering Technicians.
- Entry-level salary range: $15.00- $38.81 per hour**

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

Esports

West-MEC 2024-2025

PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LOCATION & HOURS

Paradise Valley Community College
18401 N. 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Monday - Thursday
1:00 PM – 3:10 PM
Transportation provided by the student/parent
NOTE: College & High School calendars may not align

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- Acceptance into West-MEC programs may be 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*
- Applications are ranked in part by attendance, GPA, discipline, and career choice (ECAP)
- Copy of birth certificate, proof of residency, and immunizations/State Exemption Form due at time of registration enrollment.
- Program hours are not excused for participation in extracurricular activities, athletics, vacation, or employment.
- West-MEC's priority application submission date is in February. Contact your counselor for your application deadline.
- West-MEC students served under an IEP/504 will need to self-advocate for reasonable accommodations through the Paradise Valley Community College Disability Resource Office. Approved accommodations may differ from those provided in the high school. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires higher education institutions to provide reasonable accommodations to those with documented disabilities, provided an undue hardship is not created. It is the student's responsibility to inform the Disability Resource Services (DRS) Office directly of his or her need for accommodation(s) each time he or she registers for a new course. All accommodations and academic adjustments are course and semester specific and do not carry over from semester to semester or course to course.

STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline (Strict post-secondary attendance guidelines will be followed.), and on track for graduation
- Strong interest in chosen career pathway
- Able to perform physical activity
- Ability to get along with other students and cooperate with the 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

*An 70% grade or better is required for each Esports course in order to obtain college credit and be eligible to progress to the next level course.
**A 60% grade or better is required to obtain high school credit.

CREDITS ISSUED BY WEST-MEC

- High School - 2.5 elective credits (1.25 credits per semester)
- This program satisfies AZ University's admissions requirements. (AZ Board of Regents CTE/Fine Arts credit)
- A student who withdraws during the West-MEC program may receive concurrent enrollment college credit based on the number of completed courses. (see post-secondary opportunities)

EARLY COLLEGE PATHWAYS (OPTIONAL)

West-MEC offers a faster way forward through early college pathways, and we strive to provide robust post-secondary opportunities for students. For more information on Early College Pathways applicable to your program, check out our website on:

- Early College Pathways