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West-MEC the only school district in Arizona offering in-house Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training

(Oct. 21, 2020) -- Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC) - a public career technical education district - is the only school district in Arizona offering in-house Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training to its students in the form of a 10-hour certification course.

The class is taught by West-MEC professional development staff, offering knowledge and insight to the rules and regulations for on-the-job safety. Students attend lectures and take quizzes and a final test to obtain certification, learning terms and laws about safety in the workplace. Each year, West-MEC certifies around 800-1,200 students. At the moment, classes are being held virtually due to COVID-19 precautions.

OSHA enforces safety and health standards both at the state and federal level, and develops reporting and record keeping systems and training programs for employers and employees.

Many of the industries in which West-MEC students look to acquire jobs require OSHA certification or other safety training as part of the onboarding process, especially ones where heavy machinery or equipment use is commonplace. OSHA certification through West-MEC does not expire, making graduates of West-MEC programs stand out.

“They can go into their careers already certified, which gives them a leg up when they’re looking for jobs in the future,” said industry certification manager Frank Quinn.

“And more importantly, they will know what to look for in their workplaces to protect themselves.”

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district that focuses solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools, across 3,800 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC’s career-driven education opportunities or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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