

# Culinary Arts 2022-23



## ONE-YEAR PROGRAM - 380-hour program IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Craft amazing and fun foods using flames, knives, and creative chemistry
- Create and serve cuisine in a modern commercial kitchen preparing appetizers, soups, entrées, and desserts in a bistro setting
- Express creativity as part of a team that designs menus, prepares meals, organizes catered events, and develops unique dining experiences

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\*

- Current Sophomore and Junior students may apply
- Unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or better **OR** placement into college-level English, Reading, and Math by using ACT or SAT scores or taking the college placement test. (Must Meet Criteria From One):
  - Accuplacer Next Gen: 249 or higher
  - Accuplacer Classic: 74 or higher
  - EdReady Critical Reading: 90 or higher
  - SAT Reading Score: 480 or higher
  - ACT Reading Score: 22 or higher

- Copy of unofficial high school transcript
- Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries
- State issued ID, driver's license, or driver's permit due at registration
- Proof of citizenship & 1 year Arizona residency due at registration (non-resident is responsible for the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition)
- Students must acquire a Food Handler Card before the first day of class

<https://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/arizona/maricopa-county>

\*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:

\*\*Estrella Mountain Community College @ West-MEC Southwest Campus - 623.935.8445

\*\*Estrella Mountain Community College Testing Center - 623.935.8860

\*\*Glendale Community College Testing Center - 623.845.3000

For resources to help with Accuplacer or EdReady visit: <https://www.estrellamountain.edu/students/testing-services>

### COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance into the program:

- \$125.00 non-refundable registration fee includes enrollment processing & lab fees
- College textbooks & uniforms - \$300.00 (Prices for new textbooks and uniforms are approximate and may change due to community college requirements.)
- Dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements will be addressed at registration and orientation.

### INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

- This industry credential is required for employment in the field a majority of the time
  - Maricopa County Food Service Worker Certification
  - ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification

### CAREER PATHWAYS

- Cook, caterer, restaurant chef, restaurant manager\*
- Entry-level salary range: \$12.15\*\*\*- \$14.22 per hour\*\*

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

### LOCATION & HOURS

Estrella Mountain Community College  
Regions Restaurant  
3000 N. Dysart Road  
Avondale, AZ 85392

**Monday - Thursday**

1:00 PM – 3:45PM

**Transportation provided by the student/parent**  
**NOTE: College & 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.
- Applications are ranked in part by attendance, GPA, discipline, and career choice (ECAP)
- Copy of birth certificate and immunizations due at 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 your school's application deadline.
- West-MEC students served under an IEP/504 will need to self-advocate for reasonable accommodations through the College Disability Resource Office. Approved accommodations may differ from those provided in the high school.

## 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 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 Culinary course in order to obtain college credit and be eligible to progress to the next higher 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)

## POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES (OPTIONAL)

- Students who successfully complete all Culinary Art courses with a C or better will earn a college credential from Estrella Mountain Community College: Certificate of Completion / Culinary Arts I.
- This program, in partnership with Maricopa Community Colleges, provides Concurrent Enrollment college credits for students: CUL 105 (3 credits); CUL 113 (3 credits); CUL 115 (2 credits); CUL 103 (3 credits); CUL 120 (3 credits); CUL 213 (3 credits) Concurrent Enrollment means that students earn college credits for classes taught at the college campus, by college faculty. Upon the completion of the program, the credits transfer to specific degrees at a community college or university.
- West-MEC pays the students' college tuition (in-state only; non-resident is responsible for the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition). Students are responsible for college textbooks and uniforms.
- Details about Concurrent Enrollment credits and post-secondary pathways are updated on our website <https://west-mec.edu/dual-enrollment>



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orientation, gender identity, age, or national origin. A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in the career and technical education programs of the District.

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