

# Culinary Arts 2023-24



ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



## ONE-YEAR PROGRAM - 350-hour program IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Utilize classical and modern culinary techniques in the effective production of savory foods and bakery products.
- Compose multiple flavors, textures, and colors into marketable food products that are reflective of industry trends.
- Practice professional behavior, time management skills, and the safe and sanitary handling of food and industrial equipment.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\*

- Current Sophomore and Junior students may apply (early graduates may not apply)
- Unweighted high school GPA of 2.6 or better **OR** placement into college-level English, Reading, and Math by using ACT or SAT scores or taking the college placement test.
  - Accuplacer Next Gen: 249 or higher
  - Accuplacer Classic: 74 or higher
  - WritePlacer: 5 or higher
  - EdReady English Placement: 80 or higher
  - EdReady Reading Placement: 90 or higher
  - Accuplacer Quantitative Reasoning: 263 or higher
  - EdReady Quantitative Reasoning: 70 or higher
  - SAT Score: 510 or higher
  - ACT Score: 22 or higher
- Copy of unofficial high school transcript
- Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries
- 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)
- 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:

- \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee includes enrollment processing & lab fees
- College textbooks & uniforms - approximately \$350.00 (Prices for new textbooks and uniforms are approximate and may change due to community college requirements.)
- 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.

### INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

TEST FEES PREPAID BY WEST-MEC

- 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: \$14.00- \$20.63 per hour\*\*

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

Program information may change as West-MEC strives to provide the best opportunities for students. Refer to [www.west-mec.edu](http://www.west-mec.edu) for most current information. Program is taught by industry certified instructors. West-MEC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in admission to its programs, services, or activities, in access to them, in treatment of individuals, or in any aspect of their operations.



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## 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

## 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, vacation, or employment.
- West-MEC's priority application submission date is in February. Contact your counselors for your application deadline.
- West-MEC students served under an IEP/504 will need to self-advocate for reasonable accommodations through the Estrella Mountain Community 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 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 Culinary 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)

- Students who successfully complete all Culinary Arts 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); Restricted Elective (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 purchasing college textbooks and uniforms.
- Details about Concurrent Enrollment credits and post-secondary pathways are updated on our website [Early College Pathways](#)



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