Emergency Medical Technology (EMT)

West-MEC 2023-24

ONE-YEAR - 260-hour program

PARTNERSHIP WITH MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Deliver critical life-support care using a wide variety of medical and diagnostic equipment
- Experience fast-paced emergency situations where your actions make a difference
- Treat a wide range of patient conditions through a deep understanding of the human body

A Program of Study in Emergency Response and Operations in partnership with Maricopa Community Colleges consists of Fire Science for one year and by Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for one year. Successfully completing the West-MEC Fire Science and EMT courses and certifications enable students to meet the three (3) prerequisites needed for admission to the Glendale Community College Fire Department Operations course, widely known as the “Fire Academy.” The “Fire Academy” is specifically for students seeking a career in fire service. Additionally, students who complete the West-Mec EMT program and CPR will fulfill several prerequisites needed for admission to the Glendale Community College Paramedic Program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Current Sophomore and Junior students may apply (early graduates may not apply)
- Grade 10: one of the following must be provided:
  - EdReady Critical Reading and Thinking, score of 90 or higher
  - Accuplacer Next Generation Reading, score of 249 or higher
  - Completion of RDG100 or CRE101 with a grade of “C” or better
  - Accuplacer Classic Reading, score of 70 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
- Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries
- Student State issued ID, driver’s license, or driver’s permit due at time of registration
- Parent Proof of Citizenship & 1-year Arizona residency due at time of enrollment (non-resident is responsible for the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition)
- Students cannot miss any hours in EMC101, can miss no more than 2 hours in EMC102, and can miss no more than 8 hours in EMC104. If students violate any of these attendance requirements, they will be dropped from the program. Make-up hours are not guaranteed, and mandatory attendance for the first day of each course, as well as all testing dates, exams, and clinics.
- Students must be able to meet the physical demands of the program.

*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:
  - EMCC @ 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: estrellamountain.edu/students/testing-services

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

- Proof of current Immunizations OR an AZ State Exemption Form are required
  - If an AZ State Exemption Form is submitted, a West-MEC Acknowledgement Form must be signed.
- Immunization may be required for employment in health care settings.

COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance into the program:

- $150.00 non-refundable registration fee includes enrollment processing and lab fees.
- Uniform shirts ($15 each); a watch with seconds hand ($20); uniform pants ($40); black steel toe boots ($40); a black leather belt ($20) are purchased by the student. Prices are approximate and may change.
- The dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. The dress code will be addressed at orientation.
- EMT books - $225.00 (college textbooks are purchased by the student)
- Success in the program depends upon the student having access to a personal computer (no Ipad or tablet) and reliable internet outside of class to complete assignments and tests.
- Early Graduation, Graduation, or GED completion, will result in the student being charged college tuition fees.

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

FEES PREPAID OR REIMBURSED BY WEST-MEC

- These industry credentials are required for employment in the field a majority of the time.
  - National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (Reimbursed)
  - American Heart Association CPR/AED (Prepaid)
- This industry credential is relevant for employment in the field with employers who contract with FEMA for the deployment of special teams for disaster response or those wishing to pursue a degree as a paramedic or firefighter.
  - Federal Emergency Management Agency- National Incident Management 100, 200, 700, 800 (Prepaid)

Program information may change as West-MEC strives to provide the best opportunities for students. Refer to 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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**CAREER PATHWAYS**

- Ambulance emergency medical technician, paramedic, EMT, firefighter*, emergency room technician*; knowledge obtained in this program is transferable to a broad spectrum of careers.
- Entry level salary range: $17.75 - $22.55 per hour**

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

**LOCATION & HOURS**

| GateWay Community College | GateWay Community College  
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| at Southwest Skill Center (EMCC)  
3000 N. Dysart Road  
Avondale, AZ 85392  
Monday – Thursday  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM or 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
| at Gateway CC Deer Valley Campus  
2931 W. Bell Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85053  
Monday - Thursday  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
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NOTE: College & high school calendars may not align & transportation provided by the student/parent

**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 time of registration
- Program hours are not excused for participation in extracurricular activities, athletics, vacation, or employment.
- West-MEC priority application submission date is in February. Contact school counselors for earlier deadlines for submitting applications to high school.
- 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 and being on track for graduation. A student will be dropped from the program after 10 hours of absences.
- Strong interest in chosen career pathway
- Completed or enrolled in Biology or Anatomy/Physiology preferred
- Must be able to distinguish lower volume sounds
- The program requires good time management and 8-12 hours of homework per week
- 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**

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*A 70% grade or better is required for each EMT course in order to obtain college credit and be eligible to progress to the next higher-level course.*

**CREDITS ISSUED BY WEST-MEC**

- High School - 2 elective credits
- This program satisfies AZ university admission requirements. (AZ Board of Regents CTE/Fine Arts credit)
- A student who withdraws from the West-MEC program may receive concurrent college credit based on the number of completed courses.

**EARLY COLLEGE PATHWAYS (OPTIONAL)**

- This program, in partnership with Maricopa Colleges, provides Concurrent Enrollment college credits for students. Concurrent Enrollment means that students earn college credits for classes taught at the college campus by college faculty. Upon completing the program, the credits transfer to specific degrees at a community college or university. Students who complete the following sections will receive the following college credits: EMC101 (0.5 credits), EMC102 (3.0 credits), and EMC104 (12.5 credits).
- 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](http://www.maricopa.edu/early-college-pathways).
- The Maricopa County Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs or activities. For Title IX/504 concerns, call the following number to reach the appointed coordinator: (480) 731-8499. For additional information, as well as a listing of all coordinators within the Maricopa College system, visit [http://www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination](http://www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination).

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