



## PHARMACY SCIENCE

### ONE-YEAR PROGRAM - 450-hour program

- Work in a simulated clinical environment to prepare and package a variety of medications including compounding and IV solutions
- Deliver great customer service, manage inventory, prepare prescriptions, and maintain the quality and purity of drugs
- Explore disease treatments using pharmacology in a variety of healthcare environments

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\*

- Current Junior and Senior students may apply
  - One credit of English with a C or better
  - One credit of Math with a C or better
  - One credit of Science with a C or better
  - Students who do not meet program requirements may apply under a “Student Success Action Plan” through their high school counselor.
  - Meeting application criteria does not guarantee enrollment
  - Copy of unofficial transcript
  - Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries
  - Transportation is not provided by West-MEC. Families are responsible for providing transportation to and from West-MEC.
- \*Program requirements are subject to change per industry age restrictions, certification requirements, and administrative discretion.

### 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.
- Immunizations may be required for externships in health care settings.
  - Some credentials in this program may require externship completion.
- Immunization may be required for employment in health care settings.

### COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon enrollment into the program:

- \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee (includes enrollment processing, supplies, and leadership development)
  - Leadership development training is embedded through membership and participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization, HOSA.
  - West-MEC provides two uniform shirts.
- Other uniforms/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student. The dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements will be addressed prior to the start of classes.
- After Early Graduation, Graduation, or GED completion, registration fee and tuition will apply. Details regarding additional tuition costs are available at [Tuition Payment Agreement](#).

### INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

#### FEES PREPAID BY WEST-MEC

- This industry credential is required for employment in the field a majority of the time.
  - National Healthcareer Association - Pharmacy Technician Certification OR Pharmacy Technician Certification Board - Pharmacy Technician Certification
- This industry credential is relevant for employment in the field a majority of the time. is acknowledged by employers, candidates with this industry credential will signal to employers knowledge in the area but may not get priority in hiring over someone with industry experience.
  - American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers

Proof of Citizenship or Legal Permanent Residency may be required for credential testing.

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.



## CAREER PATHWAYS

- Pharmacy technician in a community pharmacy, hospital, long-term care facility, compounding pharmacy, mail-order insurance companies, sales, and education, CTE teacher\*
- Entry-level salary range: \$13.82 - \$22.88 per hour\*\*

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

## LOCATION & HOURS

### West-MEC Northeast Campus:

1617 W Williams Drive  
Phoenix AZ 85027  
623.435.4920

#### Monday - Friday

Session 1: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Session 2: 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

### West-MEC Southwest Campus:

500 N Verrado Way  
Buckeye AZ 85326  
623.872.6260

#### Monday - Friday

Session 1: 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Session 2: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**NOTE: West-MEC & high school calendars may not align & transportation is provided by the student/parent.**

## 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 juniors
  - Current seniors\*
- 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, or employment.
- West-MEC priority application submission date is in February. Contact your school counselors for your school's application deadline.
- West-MEC provides accommodations and modifications identified in the IEP/504 for high school students. Students who graduate from high school or have a GED will not be eligible for IEP services. Graduated students will need to self-advocate for reasonable accommodations which are aligned to industry certifications.

## STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline, and on track for graduation
- Strong interest in the chosen career pathway
- Completed or enrolled in Chemistry preferred
- Strong hand-eye coordination with fine motor skills and stamina
- Manual dexterity and physical ability to use tools, equipment, and machinery
- 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

## CREDITS ISSUED BY WEST-MEC

- High School - 3 elective credits (1.5 elective credits per semester)
- High school credits are awarded each semester.
- This program satisfies the AZ university admissions requirement. (AZ Board of Regents CTE/Fine Arts credit)

## EARLY COLLEGE PATHWAYS (OPTIONAL)

- West-MEC has partnerships with various colleges and we strive to provide robust post-secondary opportunities for students.
- Articulated credit is for students who wish to transfer to Pima Medical Institute.
- Post-secondary pathways are updated on [Early College Pathways](#).

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