



## WELDING TECHNOLOGY

### TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 900-hour program

- Manipulate the power of fire and electricity to design and construct the metal products people use it every day
- Use advanced welding techniques and fabrication equipment to join, cut, bend, and manipulate metal for industrial or artistic applications
- Become an integral part in building the infrastructure of America

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\*

- Current Sophomore, Junior, and Senior students may apply
- One credit of English with a C or better
- One credit of Math 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.
- Transportation is not provided by West-MEC. Families are responsible for providing transportation to and from West-MEC.
- Copy of unofficial transcript
- Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries

\*Program requirements are subject to change per industry age restrictions, certification requirements and administrative discretion.

### COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon enrollment into the program:

- \$450.00 registration fee (\$150 non-refundable) includes enrollment processing, supplies, welding kit, helmet & leadership development
  - Leadership development training is embedded through membership and participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization, Skills USA.
  - West-MEC provides two uniform shirts. (Other uniform/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student.
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- Optional dual enrollment will result in additional fees.
- 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.
  - American Welding Society (AWS) 2G SMAW, 3G SMAW, 4G SMAW, 2G FCAW, 3G FCAW, & 4G FCAW
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  - Occupational Safety & Health Administration-OSHA 10 Construction
  - NC3 Lincoln Electric
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  - NCCER Certifications (National Center for Construction and Education Research)
    - Core Curriculum - Welding Levels 1 & 2
  - NC3 Snap-On- Precision Measuring Angles and Rulers

### CAREER PATHWAYS

- Structural welder, welding supervisor, manufacturing welder, certified welding inspector, ironworker, pipefitter, sheet metal worker, CTE teacher\*; knowledge obtained in this program is transferable to a broad spectrum of careers
- Entry level salary range: \$20.65- \$22.60 per hour\*\*

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

### LOCATION & HOURS

#### West-MEC Central Campus - Building B:

6997 N Glen Harbor Blvd, Glendale AZ 85307  
623.209.80453

#### Monday - Friday

1st Year: 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM

2nd Year: 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

#### West-MEC Southwest Campus:

500 N Verrado Way, Buckeye AZ 85326  
623.872.6260

#### Monday - Friday

1st Year: 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

2nd Year: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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

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.



## 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 sophomores
  - Current juniors\*
  - Current seniors\*
- Applications are ranked in part by attendance, GPA, discipline, and career choice (ECAP)
- Copy of birth certificate, proof of residency, and proof of immunizations/State Exemption Form due at time of enrollment
- Program hours are not excused for participation in extracurricular activities, athletics, vacations, 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 chosen career pathway
- Strong hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills
- 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 - 6 elective credits (3 elective credits per year)
- High school credits are awarded each semester
- This program satisfies AZ university's admissions requirements. (AZ Board of Regents CTE/Fine Arts credit)

## EARLY COLLEGE PATHWAYS (OPTIONAL)

- West-MEC has a strong partnership with Maricopa Colleges and we strive to provide robust post-secondary opportunities for students.
- Dual Enrollment is for eligible High School students who want to earn college credits while taking West-MEC courses.
- Students can earn community college credit for classes, and upon graduation, transfer the credits towards specific degrees at community college or university.
- High school graduates or students with a GED are not eligible to participate in Dual Enrollment.
- Due to staffing and curriculum changes, we advise the following:
  - Dual Enrollment is offered based on West-MEC faculty qualifications.
  - Dual Enrollment may not be offered in every program or on every campus.
  - Dual Enrollment credit offerings and college pathways are finalized every year during the first month of school.
- In partnership with Maricopa Colleges, this program also provides students with Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) college credits. PLA is for High School and Young Adult students who want to pursue specific AAS degree (s) after completing West-MEC programs and completing industry certifications.
- Credits apply towards specific degrees at certain colleges or universities upon graduation and certification.
- Post-secondary pathways are updated on [Early College Pathways](#).

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