

Automation & Robotics Systems



ONE YEAR PROGRAM - 450-hour program

- Develop an understanding of industrial automation control system set-up, management, maintenance, and application.
- Cultivate technical proficiency in the integration of artificial intelligence into manufacturing processes, ensuring a comprehensive skill set for modern industrial applications.
- Develop advanced skills to automate motions within industrial processes, utilizing machines, robots, and cutting-edge control systems. Apply modern statistical quality control to an industrial process.

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
 - Copy of unofficial transcript
 - Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries
 - Copy of birth certificate and immunizations/State Exemption Form due at the time of enrollment
 - Students who do not meet program requirements may apply under a “Student Success Action Plan” through their high school counselor.
 - 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, credentials requirements, and administrative discretion.
Meeting application criteria does not guarantee enrollment.

COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon enrollment into the program:

- \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee includes enrollment processing, supplies, leadership development, & uniform shirts. Other uniforms/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student.
 - Leadership development training is embedded through membership and participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization | Skills USA.
 - It is recommended that students have access to a personal computer and reliable internet outside of class to complete assignments and projects.
 - The dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements will be addressed prior to the start of classes.
 - Optional dual enrollment will result in additional fees.
 - After Early Graduation, Graduation, or GED completion, registration fee and tuition will apply*
 - Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) recipients may select West-MEC as an approved vendor*
- *Details regarding additional tuition costs are available [Tuition Payment Agreement](#).

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

TEST FEES PREPAID BY WEST-MEC

- This industry credential is preferred for employment in the field a majority of the time, is sought after by employers. Candidates with this industry credential are likely to be given priority in hiring over others who do not hold it
 - Mechatronics
 - Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA) Certified Industry Associate Level 1
 - Google Data Analytics Certificate
 - Machining Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) - Certified Production Technician (CPT)
 - OSHA-10 General

CAREER PATHWAYS

- Graduates of this program should qualify for a variety of careers as on-the-job trainees or apprentices in fields such as Robotics Technician, Automation Technician, Manufacturing Technician, Instrumentation Technician, Process Controls, Mechanical Technician, Engineering Technician, Industrial Plant Operations, and CTE teacher*
- Entry-level salary range: \$18.32 - \$28.60 per hour**

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

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LOCATION & HOURS

West-MEC Southwest Campus:

500 N Verrado Way
 Buckeye AZ 85374
 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 Sophomores
 - Current Juniors*
 - Current Seniors*
- Applications are ranked, in part, by attendance, GPA, discipline, and career choice (ECAP)
- Program hours are not excused for participation in extracurricular activities, athletics, vacation, or employment.
- West-MEC priority application submission date is in February. Contact your school counselor 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 that are aligned with industry certifications.

STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline, and on track for graduation
- Strong interest in a chosen career pathway
- 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 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 offers a faster way forward through early college pathways, and we strive to provide robust post-secondary opportunities for students. For more information on Early College Pathways applicable to your program, check out our website on:

- [Early College Pathways](#)



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