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West-MEC Northwest Campus Gains Initial Approval for Accreditation to Offer Post-Secondary Programs

GLENDALE, Ariz. (August 28, 2023) – West-MEC Adult Education programs are accredited by the Council on Occupational Education (COE) on three of its campuses and was just granted initial approval for its fourth campus, the Northwest Campus.

COE is a national institutional accrediting agency for the accreditation of non-degree-granting and applied associate degree-granting postsecondary occupational education institutions. West-MEC has been accredited by COE as a district since 2015.

West-MEC is launching two new Adult Education programs, IT Security and Dental Assisting, at its Northwest Campus on October 23, 2023. COE will send a team to review the programs and visit the campus in December. After their review period to ensure West-MEC is in compliance and has met their standards for accreditation, COE will grant full approval in March 2024 at their commission meeting.

“We are ecstatic to begin offering post-secondary programs at the Northwest Campus. We have had a plethora of inquiries for this campus since it opened. We look forward to supporting both the community and industry partners with the opportunity for gainful employment and skilled-workforce. We are most grateful for the full support from the City of Surprise,” said West-MEC Adult Education Director, Lizeth Fils-Aime.

With the initial approval in place, West-MEC is also requesting the Northwest Campus to be an approved eligible training provider location with Arizona@Work and to be approved for veteran education benefits. In addition, West-MEC is also seeking Federal Student Aid approval for the Northwest Campus for both Dental Assisting and IT Security programs.

The Adult Education Dental Assisting and IT Security programs provide affordable, hands-on Career and Technical Education to those interested in obtaining in-demand employment in the field. Subsequently, the programs support the industry’s need for a skilled, certified workforce.

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About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district focusing solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools across 3,800 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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