

# Physical Therapy



## ONE-YEAR PROGRAM - 450-hour program

- Execute customized exercise and therapeutic treatments to assist patients with increased strength, mobility, and coordination.
- Use advanced ultrasound, electrical stimulation, hot and cold therapies, and mobility assist devices to rehabilitate patients after injury or illness.
- Prepare clinic facilities, chart progress, and provide the individual patient plan documentation.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\*

- Current Sophomores, Junior and Senior students may apply
- One credit of English with a C or better
- One credit of Science with a C or better
- Earned ten total high school credits
- 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.**

## 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, 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 | HOSA.
  - It is recommended that students have access to a personal computer and reliable internet outside of class to occasionally 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 is an approved vendor\*
- \*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 Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
- 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.
  - American Medical Certification Association (AMCA) - Certified Physical Therapy Aide
  - Occupational Safety & Health Administration-OSHA 10 Healthcare

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



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## CAREER PATHWAYS

- Physical therapy technician, physical therapy assistant\*, athletic trainer\*, physical therapist, may work in private clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, home health care or orthopedic clinics, CTE teacher\*
- Entry level salary range: \$14.03 - \$29.41 per hour\*\*

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

## LOCATION & HOURS

### West-MEC Northwest Campus:

13201 W. Grand Avenue  
 Surprise, AZ 85374  
 623.877.6914

#### Monday - Friday

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

Session 2: 1:00 PM - 3:30 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 and 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 Sophomores\*
  - 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 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
- Be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds
- 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 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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