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City of Surprise Partners with West-MEC via Career Development Scholarship

The Scholarship Will Provide Tuition Help to City of Surprise Residents Who Pursue the New Adult Education Dental Assisting Program At West-MEC - Northwest Campus

GLENDALE, Ariz. (July 6, 2023) – The Surprise Economic Development, with support from Mayor Skip Hall and Surprise City Council, has partnered with Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC), specifically Adult Education, to support the City’s residents, employees, and recent high school graduates with the opportunity to attain education to become dental assistants via a Career Development Scholarship fund. This Scholarship is for the Adult Education Dental Assisting program at West-MEC’s Northwest Campus.

The Adult Education Dental Assisting program provides affordable, hands-on education to those interested in becoming certified Dental Assistants and obtaining in-demand employment in the field. Subsequently, the program supports the industry’s need for a skilled, certified workforce.

City of Surprise residents, workers employed in Surprise, or graduates of Surprise schools, within the past two years, are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The process of applying for the scholarship is as easy as applying for the program. The applicant will specify the criteria that applies to them, and provide the document(s) that proves the applicant meets their stated criteria. The supporting documents could be a valid government issued ID that has their address, a current pay stub and/or high school diploma or official transcripts.

“Our City Council is committed to investing in our community’s future and ensuring that our local talent is fully prepared for the emerging opportunities coming to our city,” said Surprise Mayor Skip Hall. “We believe these diverse scholarship offerings will help build the local workforce we need to fuel the industries coming to Surprise.”

The cost of the program is \$7,635, but with the City of Surprise Career Development Scholarship, adult prospective students will be able to enroll in a 80:20 plan. The scholarship will pay 80% of the principal up front, and will refund the student for payments made towards the remaining 20% upon successful completion of the program.

“This opportunity is one of a kind for West-MEC - Adult Education. We are most grateful for City of Surprise’s support in the successful launch of Adult Education programs at our Northwest Campus this fall, especially this new program to Adult Education,” said West-MEC Adult Education Director, Lizeth Fils-Aime. “We look forward to providing an easy, seamless process for those that may qualify for this Career Development Scholarship.”

The all-new Dental Assisting Adult Education program will start on September 11. The program will prepare students to assist medical professionals with, including but not limited to, dental examinations, sterilize and prepare instruments, provide coronal polish procedures, take and process X-rays, and take impressions of teeth.

Classes will take place on Monday - Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information please call or email West-MEC’s Adult Education department at:

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Or visit online at:

<https://www.west-mec.edu/career-training-adult-education/>

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 now 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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