STEPS FOR APPLYING TO EARLY COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Please review the eligibility requirements before applying to the program

- Applicants must reside in a Massachusetts school district
- Earn a minimum high school GPA of 3.0 (cumulative, based on a 4.0 scale)
- Entering Junior Year by the start of the fall semester
- Accuplace into College Level English 101 and math 092 or higher
- Be willing to enroll in and motivated to attend classes throughout the year, including the summer semesters

Step 1: Complete the application packet

- Complete the application packet, including the two essays, and sign the application.
- Obtain an official high school transcript
- Obtain a copy of MCAS scores, if available
- Obtain a letter of recommendation, from a non-family member, who can attest to character and academic ability of the applicant (Guidance Counselor or Teacher are recommended)

Step 2: Attend a One-Day Information Session

Reservations are made by appointment only. Applicants may reserve a slot in an Information Session by calling (978) 630-9248, or by contacting the program director at (978) 630-9480.

At the Information Session, applicants will:

- Receive detailed information, including expectations and benefits of the Pathways Early College Innovation School
- Receive the opportunity to obtain answers to questions about the program
- Receive a review of their application materials to make certain that they meet all basic eligibility requirements
- Schedule college placement testing: MWCC Testing Services, (978) 630-9244

Step 3: Participate in a Personal Interview

Students, who meet eligibility requirements and have turned in a complete application packet, will be scheduled for a personal interview with the program director. All Information Sessions and interviews take place on the Gardner Campus of Mount Wachusett Community College. Students are required to make their own arrangements for transportation to and from the college.

Step 4: Selection Committee Review

Acceptance to the program is based on timeliness of the application and applicant eligibility. Space in the program is limited to 22 students each fall. The Selection Committee evaluates applicants and materials based on the following criteria:

- Applicants must meet **all** eligibility requirements
- Complete applications and essays are submitted in a timely manner

- Applicants must Accuplace into College Level English 101 and Math 092 or higher
- Applicants take part in an individual interview
    - Applicants should display a positive attitude about learning, completing homework and attending classes
    - Applicants must demonstrate appropriate behavior and responsibility for own actions
    - Applicants must have the potentially to adapt and fit into a mature academic environment
    - Applicants express a commitment to earn their high school diploma and associate degree within the structure of a demanding, year-round schedule.

All applicants will be notified by phone and letter of the Selection Committee's decision. Applicants who do not receive a notification letter should call the Division of Access and Transition (978-630-9248) to check their status.

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