**STEM Starter Academy**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is supporting students who are enrolling in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines at Mount Wachusett Community College. STEM majors for the Summer Academy include: Manufacturing Technology, Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems, Exercise and Sport Science, Fire Science Technology, Graphic and Interactive Design, Interdisciplinary Studies Allied Health, Medical Lab Technology, Natural Resources, Physics, Pre-Engineering and Pre-Pharmacy. List of majors is subject to change.

**MWCC Summer Program Overview**

- STEM Starter Academy Dates: July 5 – August 18, 2017 (Tentative)
- Leadership Academy Dates: Mid to Late August, 2017
- Students will receive a stipend of up to $1,000.
- Students will be enrolled in up to two (2) free college courses. Books will be provided for use during the Academy.
- Daily academic support, including tutoring and mandated study hours, will occur in order to assist students on their STEM career paths.
- Students will be expected to participate in all field trips and the Summer Leadership Academy.

**REQUIREMENTS - ALL APPLICANTS:**

Applicants must submit the following information to the Office of Admissions by the application deadline:

- General Application to Mount Wachusett Community College for Fall 2017
- Application to the STEM Starter Academy
- Personal Statement (included in the application)
- College Placement Test (CPT) must be completed. Students must test into English 101 and Math 096 or higher. Prior college coursework may be used in lieu of Placement Test scores. To schedule a testing time, call 978-630-9244.
- Apply for Financial Aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.gov. Please see MWCC’s Events Page for the dates of FAFSA assistance workshops.
- High School Transcript - Official Copy of your high school transcript, home school transcript, and/or equivalency completion certificate, if not already submitted.
- Official transcripts from any prior colleges attended.

Note: Applicants must agree to attend Mount Wachusett Community College in Fall 2017 in order to be eligible for the STEM Starter Academy. If a student does not enroll in nine (9) or more credits and attend Mount Wachusett Community College, he/she will be billed for the full cost of the classes attended during the Summer Academy.

Office of Admissions, 444 Green St., Gardner, MA 01440

P: 978-630-9110 F: 978-630-9554 E: admissions@mwcc.edu
This supplemental application program sheet explains the program requirements for the STEM Starter Academy at Mount Wachusett Community College for Summer 2017. Please read this information carefully and keep for your records.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is supporting STEM majors by providing students the opportunity to begin earning college credit during Summer 2017. STEM interested students are strongly encouraged to apply. STEM programs at MWCC for the Summer Academy include: Manufacturing Technology, Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems, Exercise and Sport Science, Fire Science Technology, Graphic and Interactive Design, Interdisciplinary Studies Allied Health, Medical Lab Technology, Natural Resources, Physics, Pre-Engineering and Pre-Pharmacy. List of majors is subject to change.

NOTE TO STUDENTS WITH EXISTING COLLEGE CREDITS: The STEM Starter Academy is intended for students who need introductory courses for a STEM degree program. Students who have accumulated prior college credits in STEM courses may not be eligible for admission to the Academy.

The College Placement Test (CPT) should be completed at the time of application. Students must test into English 101 and Math 096 or higher in order to be considered for the Academy. Prior college coursework may be used in lieu of Placement Test scores. Please contact the Testing Center at 978-630-9244 or register online at mwcc.edu/testing/appointment in order to schedule a testing appointment.

By submitting this application, you are agreeing to enroll in nine or more credits, and attend, Mount Wachusett Community College beginning Fall 2017. Failure to enroll in fall courses will result in your dismissal from the STEM Starter Academy. Failure to attend fall courses will result in a request for payment for courses you attended during Summer 2017.

Students will be accepted on a rolling Admissions basis as applications and supporting documents are received and reviewed. Decision letters will be sent out as early as February 1, 2017. All applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid beginning January 2017. If you have questions in regards to applying for financial aid, please contact our Financial Aid Office at 978-630-9169.

Students accepted into the STEM Starter Academy will receive a total stipend of up to $1,000 and up to two (2) free required courses.

During the Academy, you will be expected to attend all classes, participate in all field trips, and participate in the Summer 2017 Leadership Academy. The STEM Starter Academy will run from July 5, 2017- August 18, 2017 (tentative dates) and the Summer Leadership Academy will run after the completion of the STEM Starter Academy. Each student will be required to submit a daily timesheet which will record attendance. Students who are absent and/or perform poorly will be subject to dismissal from the program and will forfeit any remaining stipend money.

Students not planning to attend Mount Wachusett Community College in Fall 2017 are ineligible to apply.

For further information, please contact Liz Kautz, STEM Starter Academy Recruiter at 978-630-9192 or email ekautz@mwcc.mass.edu

NOTICE: The STEM Starter Academy is a grant-funded program. Funding changes may impact programmatic decisions including but not limited to program dates, duration, stipend amount and attendance requirements. MWCC reserves the right to adjust and/or alter the design of the STEM Starter Program should a decrease in funds or other unforeseen circumstances occur. Information in this application is up to date as of November 28, 2016. Should any changes to the Summer 2017 STEM Starter Academy Program occur, students will be notified in writing and be required to acknowledge any and all changes.

*PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATIONAL PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS*
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:_______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Last Name First Name MI                     Previous Last Name

Social Security Number:_______-_____-__________ Email:________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address:___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Street & Apt. # or P.O. Box                     City      State          Postal/Zip Code

Phone Numbers: Home: ___________________________    Cell: ___________________________   Work: ___________________________

Gender:   Male     Female    Date of Birth: ____/______/______

Emergency Contact Person: Name:___________________________ Relationship to the Applicant:_________________________________

Address:_________________________________________________________________ Phone:_______________________________

Street & Apt. #                      City              State                         Postal/Zip Code

MWCC Student I.D. Number: ___________________ Intended Major:______________________________________________________

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Have you been awarded one of the following:   High School Diploma     HiSET (GED) Certificate     Home School Diploma

Name of High School/Home School/Testing Center: ____________________________ Location:_____________________________________

Date Awarded (month/yr): ________/______  (documents awarded outside of the U.S. must be evaluated to meet U.S. standards)

If you do not have one of the above items, select and complete one of the following:

 I am a current high school, home school, HiSET (GED) student at _____________________________________________________

Name of school City                  State                          Month          Year

 I am not a high school student or do not have my HiSET (GED) certificate.

Have you completed courses at a college other than MWCC?

If so, what is your highest level of college completed?

 Some college     Associate Degree     Bachelor Degree     Master Degree     Doctor's Degree     Certificate

Please list all colleges you have attended:

College                                   City                          State/Country     College                                   City                          State/Country

College                                   City                          State/Country     College                                   City                          State/Country

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A personal statement is required of all applicants. Please respond to the following:

1. Please describe your interest in the STEM fields: Manufacturing Technology, Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems, Exercise and Sport Science, Fire Science Technology, Graphic and Interactive Design, Interdisciplinary Studies Allied Health, Medical Lab Technology, Natural Resources, Physics, Pre-Engineering and Pre-Pharmacy. List of majors is subject to change.

2. How have you developed your chosen academic interest, in or out of school, over the past few years?

3. What is your ultimate career goal?

4. Please list any Dual Enrollment, Honors, or AP math and/or science courses you have taken.

5. Please explain your understanding of the program expectations required to earn the full stipend.

6. Is there anything else you would like to add to support your application to the STEM Starter Academy?
**Parent or Guardian:** I hereby grant permission for my student to apply to Mount Wachusett Community College’s STEM Starter Academy. I also give my child permission to enroll in the STEM Starter Academy at Mount Wachusett Community College for Summer 2017 if accepted.

________________________________________________________________________

Parent or Guardian Signature          Date

(Required if applicant is under the age of 18 at time of application)

**Student:** I wish to apply to the STEM Starter Academy at Mount Wachusett Community College for Summer 2017. I agree to enroll at Mount Wachusett Community College for Fall 2017. I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION STATED ON THIS APPLICATION IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE. Concealment of facts or false statements may result in dismissal. I understand that if I should fail to enroll in nine or more credits, and subsequently attend Fall 2017 classes at Mount Wachusett Community College, a tuition bill for the Summer 2017 classes in which I was enrolled, will be invoiced to my attention for full payment. In addition, I understand that in order to receive the full amount of the stipend I am expected to meet all individual class and program expectations.

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Student Signature          Date
STEM Starter Academy

Application & Information Packet

Application for Entrance: Summer 2017
Application Deadline: May 10, 2017

Contact & Campuses

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Web: mwcc.edu/admissions

Financial Aid Office
Tel: 978-630-9169
Fax: 978-630-9459
Email: financialaid@mwcc.mass.edu
Web: mwcc.edu/financial

Student Accounts Office
Tel: 978-630-9386
Fax: 978-630-9459
Email: bursar@mwcc.mass.edu
Web: mwcc.edu/student-accounts

Gardner
444 Green Street
Gardner, MA 01440
978-630-9110

Devens
One Jackson Place
27 Jackson Rd.
Devens, MA 01434
978-630-9569

Leominster
100 Erdman Way
Leominster, MA 01453
978-630-9810

Fitchburg (Dental Only)
326 Nichols Road
Fitchburg, MA 01420
978-878-8564

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