

STEM STARTER ACADEMY

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Acceptance on a Rolling Basis

Beginning February 1, 2019

Priority Application Deadline April 1, 2019



**Mount Wachusett
Community College**

**Application for Entrance
Summer 2019**

Thank you for considering the STEM Starter Academy at Mount Wachusett Community College

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is supporting students who are enrolling in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines at Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC). Some examples of STEM majors for the Summer Academy: Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems, Earth Systems/Environmental Science, Exercise and Sports Science, Graphic and Interactive Design, Interdisciplinary Studies - Allied Health, Manufacturing Technology, Medical Lab Technology, Natural Resources, Physics, Pre-Engineering, Pre-Pharmacy and Veterinary Technology.

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.

MWCC Summer Program Overview

- STEM Starter Academy Orientation - Monday, July 8 & Tuesday, July 9, 2019.
- STEM Starter Academy: Early July - Mid August 2019. Dates to be confirmed.
- Students will be enrolled in up to two (2) free college courses. Books will be provided for use during the Academy.
- Students will receive a stipend of up to \$1,000.
- Leadership Academy - Two (2) days in mid to late August 2019.
- Daily academic support, including tutoring, will be available to assist students on their STEM career paths.
- Students are required to participate in orientation, all STEM experiences, and the 2019 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 2019.
- Application to the STEM Starter Academy for Summer 2019.
- College Placement Test (CPT) must be completed. Students must test into English 098, Reading 098 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 2018/2019 and the 2019/2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) 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. (Note: 1st quarter/1st half senior grades are needed.)
- Official transcripts from any prior colleges attended.
- Applicants must agree to attend Mount Wachusett Community College in Fall 2019 in order to be eligible for the STEM Starter Academy. If a student does not enroll in nine (9) or more credits and attend MWCC Fall 2019, he/she will be billed for the full cost of the classes attended during the 2019 STEM Starter Academy.



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Office of Admissions | 444 Green St., Gardner, MA 01440
P: 978-630-9110 | F: 978-630-9554 | admissions@mwcc.edu

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APPLICATION PROCESS AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

This informational page explains the admissions process, as well as, the entrance requirements for the STEM Starter Academy at Mount Wachusett Community College. Please read this information carefully and keep for your records. Mount Wachusett Community College seeks to enroll students who will succeed academically, thrive socially and contribute meaningfully to the campus community.

Admission to this program is competitive and seats are limited. Therefore, everyone who applies may not be admitted to the program.

Your high school academic record is an important factor in our evaluation process for Academy admission. The quality and level of courses, grade point average, and grade trends are all considered. Counselor and teacher recommendations may be required.

Candidates for admission who have a HiSET (formerly GED) must submit official HiSET score reports.

The College Placement Test (CPT) should be completed at the time of application. Students must test into English 098, Reading 098, and Math 096 or higher 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.

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.

Students not planning to attend Mount Wachusett Community College in Fall 2019 are ineligible to apply.

STEM Starter Academy students are required to attend orientation, all classes, all STEM experiences, and participate in the Summer 2019 Leadership Academy. Students who are absent and/or perform poorly will be subject to dismissal from the program and will forfeit any remaining stipend money. Students will be required to download an attendance app on their cell phone to record class attendance.

Participants in this program agree to enroll in 9 or more credits for fall 2019 at MWCC. Failure to meet all program requirements will result in dismissal from the STEM Starter Academy, forfeiture of all financial benefits and you would be billed for the class/s taken in the 2019 STEM Starter Academy.

Applications will be reviewed beginning February 1, 2019. Decision letters will be sent out as early as February 15, 2019.

Financial Aid Information: Students must complete the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 FASFA, available on the federal financial aid website at www.fafsa.gov. Financial Aid can be used to pay for tuition, fees, books, transportation, and other educational expenses. **All applicants must apply for financial aid.** If you have questions regarding applying for financial aid, please contact our Financial Aid Office at 978-630-9169.

For further information, please contact Kelly Cacciolfi, STEM Starter Academy Recruiter at 978-630-9192 or email kcacciolfi@mwcc.mass.edu or MWCC Admissions: admissions@mwcc.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 September 2018. Should any changes to the Summer 2019 STEM Starter Academy Program occur, students will be notified in writing and be required to acknowledge all changes.

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATIONAL PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS



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PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

A personal statement is required of all applicants. Please respond to all of the following (attach additional paper if necessary):

- Please describe your interest in the STEM fields (Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems, Earth Systems/ Environmental Science, Exercise and Sports Science, Graphic and Interactive Design, Interdisciplinary Studies - Allied Health, Manufacturing Technology, Medical Lab Technology, Natural Resources, Physics, Pre-Engineering, Pre-Pharmacy and Veterinary Technology.)
- How have you developed your chosen academic interest, in or out of school, over the past few years?
- What is your ultimate career goal?
- Please explain your understanding of the program expectations required to earn the full stipend.
- Is there anything else you would like to add to support your application to the STEM Starter Academy?



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SIGNATURES

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 2019 if accepted.

Student:

I wish to apply to the STEM Starter Academy at Mount Wachusett Community College for Summer 2019. I agree to enroll at Mount Wachusett Community College for Fall 2019. 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 2019 classes at Mount Wachusett Community College, a tuition bill for the Summer 2019 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.

Photo/Print Release:

The STEM Starter Academy Program frequently uses pictures, video and audio recording of students in the program for publication in articles that may appear in local newspapers or other publications. I the student (if currently 18 years of age) or the parent or guardian give permission for STEM Starter Academy Program to use pictures, video or audio recordings of the above named student. If I do not wish for the STEM Starter Academy Program to use pictures, video or audio recordings of the above named student I will submit written notification to the program and attach to this application. This consent will remain in effect until its written revocation is received by a STEM Starter Academy Program staff person or is mailed to Mount Wachusett Community College, School of Business, Science, Technology & Math, 444 Green St., Gardner, MA 01440, ATTN: Kelly Cacciolfi.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(Required if applicant is under the age of 18 at time of application)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH AN OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT TO YOUR APPLICATION

For more information about accommodations for disabilities, please contact the Counselor for Students with Disabilities at 978-630-9120. Mount Wachusett Community College seeks to provide equal educational and employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, physical or mental disability, sex, national origin or ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, genetic information or veteran status. In compliance with the Clergy Act (20 U.S.C. 1092(a) and (f)), all prospective students are entitled to review the MWCC Annual Security Report. This report may be accessed online at mwcc.edu or by request through the Office of Admissions.

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RELEASE OF INFORMATION

STUDENT RECORD INFORMATION WAIVER

Student Name: _____ ID#: _____

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

I authorize the release of the following student records that are protected under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g, 1974, and all related amendments, for the time period indicated, to the individual(s) listed below:

Item(s) to be released:

- 1. Copy of my grade report and/or academic transcript
- 2. Copy of my class schedule
- 3. Copy of my student bill/invoice and payment plan information
- 4. Copy of my financial aid award information
- 5. Other, please specify: _____

Release information to:

Guidance Office

High School Name: _____

High School Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

___ I authorize the release of the above information for only the _____ semester.

X I authorize the release of the above information for every term of enrollment at MWCC for a one-year period effective the date this authorization is signed.

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: All releases of records authorized by this waiver are tracked in student record on SPACMNT

Expiration Date: _____



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Application & Information Packet

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Contact & Campuses

Office of Admissions

Tel: 978-630-9110
Fax: 978-630-9554
Email: admissions@mwcc.edu
Web: mwcc.edu/admissions

STEM Starter Academy Recruiter

Tel: 978-630-9192
Email: kcacciolfi@mwcc.mass.edu

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
978-630-9812

Fitchburg (Dental Only)

326 Nichols Road
Fitchburg, MA 01420
978-630-9413



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