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 2020.
- Application to the STEM Starter Academy for Summer 2020.
- College Placement Test (CPT) must be completed. Students must test into English 098, Reading 098 and Math 097 or higher. Prior college coursework and overall high school GPA 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 2019/2020 and the 2020/2021 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 2020 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 2020, he/she will be billed for the full cost of the classes attended during the 2020 STEM Starter Academy.
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, grade trends and attendance record 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 097 or higher to be considered for the Academy. Prior college coursework and overall high school GPA 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 2020 are ineligible to apply.

STEM Starter Academy students are required to attend orientation, all classes, all STEM experiences, and participate in the Summer 2020 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 2020 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 2020 STEM Starter Academy.

Applications will be reviewed beginning February 3, 2020. Decision letters will be sent out as early as February 15, 2020.

Financial Aid Information: Students must complete the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 FAFSA, 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 education 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 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 July 2019. Should any changes to the Summer 2020 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*
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name: ___________________________ ___________________________ ___________________________

Last (family or sur) Name                  First Name               MI

Previous Last Name: ___________________________

Preferred First Name (only if different from above): ____________________________________________

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    ☐ Other          Date of Birth: _____/_____/______

Emergency Contact Person:  Name:______________________________________________ Relationship to Applicant_____________________

MWCC Student ID Number (if applicable):__________________________________ 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: ____________

with intent to graduate _________.

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

Have you taken any A/P courses? ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Other    If yes, please provide the score report.

Have you completed any college courses? ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ Other    If yes, please provide your official transcript.

Please list all colleges you have attended:

College                                   City                          State/Country     College                                   City                          State/Country

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Would you like this application to also serve as your PreHealthcare Academy application, please check: ☐ Yes    ☐ No

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID?

☐ I have already applied    ☐ I plan on applying    ☐ I do not plan on applying

To apply for financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available on the federal financial aid web site at www.fafsa.gov. Financial aid can be used to pay for tuition, fees, books, transportation, and other educational expenses. MWCC strongly encourages you to complete the FAFSA. If you have questions about your financial aid application or college financial planning, please call the college Financial Aid Office at 978-630-9169 or online at mwcc.edu/financial.
PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

Essay or personal statement (can be typed and attached). Please include the following:

- Describe your interest in your chosen STEM field (Biology, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems, Earth Systems/Environmental Science, Exercise and Sports Science, Graphic and Interactive Design, Interdisciplinary Studies - Allied Health, Automotive 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?
- Program expectations and how you plan on succeeding in this academy.

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**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 2020 if accepted.

**Student:**
I wish to apply to the STEM Starter Academy at Mount Wachusett Community College for Summer 2020. I agree to enroll at Mount Wachusett Community College for Fall 2020. 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 2020 classes at Mount Wachusett Community College, a tuition bill for the Summer 2020 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.
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:

X  1. Copy of my grade report and/or academic transcript
X  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: _______________
STEM Starter Academy
Application & Information Packet

Application for Entrance: Summer 2020

Contact & Campuses

Office of Admissions
Tel: 978-630-9110
Fax: 978-630-9554
Email: admissions@mwcc.edu
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
978-630-9812

Fitchburg (Dental Only)
326 Nichols Road
Fitchburg, MA 01420
978-630-9413