

Pre-Healthcare Academy

Application & Information Packet

Priority Application Deadline

March 15th



**Mount Wachusett
Community College**

Application for Entrance
September 2026

Thank you for considering the Pre-Healthcare Academy at Mount Wachusett Community College.

MWCC's Pre-Healthcare Academy provides 2025 and 2026 high school graduates an opportunity to gain access into MWCC's competitive health programs. Academy students who maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the program may enter MWCC's Dental Hygiene Degree (DHY), Veterinary Technology (VTE), or Nursing Degree (NU) during the fall of their second year.

Information Sessions

Each healthcare program offers information sessions that include program information, the admissions process, and financial aid information. Attendance at one information session is strongly suggested. Transcript reviews are not conducted at these sessions. Please call 978-630-9447 for more information.

The following must be submitted to the Office of Admissions.

Application to the Pre-Healthcare Academy

MWCC students are placed into courses via a variety of measures. These include but are not limited to GPA, SAT, ACT and Testing. Students must place into BIO 203 or be willing to take BIO 109 or BIO 113 in the summer prior to the start of the Academy in the fall. The BIO109 or BIO113 can be taken through the STEM Starter Academy program.

Resume

Two Recommendation Letters - One letter by the student's guidance counselor and the other letter by a science or math teacher (may substitute an employer if working as a healthcare employee).

High School Transcript or HiSET (formerly GED) Score Report: High school students should request an official high school transcript that includes the first marking period of the senior year. Also, a final high school transcript must be submitted at the time of graduation that indicates successful completion of the requirements to graduate from high school. All transcript materials requested by the applicant become the property of Mount Wachusett Community College and cannot be released to the applicant or to other institutions or agencies.

Essay or Personal Statement about interest in the Pre-Healthcare Academy and intention in chosen profession.

SAT I and ACT scores are not required but SAT (Reading, Math or English above 500) or ACT scores above 18 may support your application if submitted.

Scores from AP exams (if applicable)

I seek enrollment in the Academy to pursue the selected program:

Nursing (RN)

Dental Hygiene

Veterinary Technology

I hereby attest I have submitted all documentation required at time of submission for this selective application and have read and understand all accompanying pages of this document.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of MWCC Admissions personnel

Date



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THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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This informational page explains the admissions process, as well as the entrance requirements for the Pre-Healthcare Academy program at Mount Wachusett Community College. Please read this information carefully and keep for your records. Students may be eligible to enter a selective A.S. degree program upon completion of the Academy. 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 are required as is a personal essay. Your work and/or volunteer experience and extracurricular activities may strengthen your overall credentials for admission.

The grades you earn in core college-preparatory courses are re-calculated into a grade point average (GPA). In re-calculating your GPA, you will receive extra credit for honors or Advanced Placement courses. Non-college preparatory courses are not included; therefore, the GPA calculated by the college will be different than the GPA calculated by your high school.

Your grades will be converted to a 4.0 scale, where "A" = 4.0, "B" = 3.0, "C" = 2.0, and "D" = 1.0. A 3.0 minimum GPA is preferred.

Candidates for admission who have a HiSET (formerly GED) must submit official HiSET score reports with a preferred minimum attainment in the 75th percentile in all subject areas.

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Students wanting to apply to the Associate Degree Nursing Program must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) during the program. The TEAS is a computer based assessment that tests students on their reading, mathematics, science, and English. **The TEAS must be completed by June 15 following your second semester.**

Students are not eligible for re-admission if they are not successful through the program

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Priority Application Deadline for Spring 2026:

Enrollment in the Pre-Healthcare Academy is restricted to fall semester only. Students should submit the required application materials to the Office of Admissions by March 15, 2026. Admission decisions will be mailed out to all applicants mid-April.

Financial Aid Information:

To apply for financial aid, students must complete the 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 Student Financial Services Office (978) 630-9169 or online at mwcc.edu/financial

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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) City State

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 _____ with intent to graduate ____/____
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 any college courses? Yes No

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

RESIDENCY INFORMATION (Required by all applicants)

Please select one of the following:

- I have been a Massachusetts resident for six (6) continuous months and intend to remain here. Date began Massachusetts residency _____
As proof of my intent to remain in Massachusetts, I possess at least 2 of the following documents, which I shall present to the institution upon request. These documents* are dated within one (1) year of the start date of the academic semester for which I seek to enroll (except possibly for my high school diploma). The institution reserves the right to make any additional inquiries regarding the applicant's status and to require submission of any additional documentation it deems necessary. Please check-off those documents you possess as proof of your intent to remain in Massachusetts.
- Valid Driver's License Utility Bills* Employment Pay Stub* Valid Car Registration
 Voter Registration* State/Federal Tax Returns* Mass. High School Diploma Signed Lease or Rent Receipt*
 Military Home of Record* Record of Parents' Residency for Unemancipated Person*
 Other _____
- I am an eligible participant in the New England Board of Higher Education's Regional Student Program.
- I do not reside in Massachusetts, but have a parent who provides financial support and who is a legal Massachusetts resident. Therefore, I qualify for in-state residency. (Documentation is required and applies only to students 24 years of age or younger.)

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Ethnic Background: Do you identify yourself as: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: Select one or more races, as you identify yourself:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American White Cape Verdean Native Hawaii or Pacific Islander

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Separated Widowed

Have you, your spouse, or your parents ever served in the U.S. Military: yes no

Emergency Contact Person: Name: _____ Relationship to the Applicant: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____
Street & Apt. # City State Postal/Zip Code

SIGNATURE

I hereby apply to MWCC. I agree to accept the regulations and requirements of the college and will cooperate with the students, faculty, and administration in the maintenance of high standards and appropriate conduct. I understand that concealment of facts or untruthful statements may result in my application being withdrawn or cause me to be dismissed from Mount Wachusett Community College. The information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand and consent to the information provided on this completed form being used to contact me by (check all that apply):
 automated telephone text messaging for matters related to my enrollment at Mount Wachusett Community College.

Students may opt-out of being included in media created in classrooms and educational spaces. Unless you opt out, you grant MWCC permission to use your name, image, and voice for these purposes.

MWCC will continue general media coverage at events and in public/shared campus spaces for use in publications, websites, social media, and promotional materials. Signage will be posted, and students may make a verbal request at the time if they do not wish to appear.

I do NOT grant MWCC permission to use my name, image, or voice for classroom-based media releases.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

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

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Employment/Volunteer Form

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Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial Previous Last Name

MWCC Student ID (if known): _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Healthcare Or Related Field Experience:

List employment/volunteer with the most recent positions first. **Include only healthcare or healthcare-related experience.** Attach additional sheets if necessary. (Resumes are acceptable.)

Does not apply

Employer/volunteer organization	Position or Certification	Dates from/to	Supervisor Name & Phone No.

I certify that all information stated on this application form is accurate and complete. Concealment of facts or false statements may result in dismissal.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18) Date

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Recommendation Form

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Complete the top portion of this form, sign it, then send it to the recommender with a stamped envelope addressed to:

Office of Admissions, MWCC, 444 Green Street, Gardner, MA 01440

I understand that federal legislation provides me with a right of access to this recommendation after I matriculate; while this right may be waived, no school or person can require me to waive this right.

Check One of the Following Statements:

- I hereby WAIVE my right of access to this recommendation.
- I DO NOT WAIVE my right of access to this recommendation.

Applicant Name:

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Previous Last Name

Applicant Signature

Date

To the Recommender: The individual named above has applied for admission to the MWCC Pre-Healthcare Academy. We are seeking information that will aid us in the selection of capable students. It is important that students selected to this program be able to complete their academic and technical work successfully. They should also possess the personal qualifications essential for a member of a healthcare team. The applicant has selected you as an individual who can give us such an appraisal. We would appreciate your candid evaluation of the applicant's qualifications. Please complete this evaluation form or write a letter.

If the applicant has waived his/her right of access (see above), your recommendation will remain confidential. If the applicant does not either waive right of access or sign the statement above and matriculates, the student will be permitted to review this reference upon request.

Acquaintance with Applicant

How long and in what context have you known this applicant? _____

Comments

Please add any descriptive comments that will aid in providing a complete picture of the applicant's abilities and potential as a student and healthcare professional. Use an extra sheet if needed.

Recomender Signature

Date

Printed Name

Phone

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Office of Admissions

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Web: mwcc.edu/admissions

Student Financial Services

Tel: 978-630-9169

Fax: 978-630-9459

Email: sfs@mwcc.mass.edu

Web: mwcc.edu/financial

Records Office

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Web: mwcc.edu/records

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