

Dental Hygiene

Application & Information Packet

Program Start: Fall 2026

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED & SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2026:

Mount Wachusett Community College seeks to provide equal educational and employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, or disability.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- If the application deadline falls on a non-business day, the next business day will be the effective deadline.
- Letters of Recommendation are not accepted.
- Candidates must submit a completed, signed application and all supporting documents by the application deadline.
- Candidates for applying for Readmission - please see page 5.
- Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.

- Attendance at a mandatory Information Session within the 12 months prior to the application deadline.** Date Attended: _____

Register to attend an information session at: mwcc.edu/info

- Good Moral Character:** I have read and understand the Good Moral Character requirements for licensure and understand that this also applies to admissions into MWCC's selective programs. Visit: mass.gov/how-to-apply-for-a-dental-hygenist-license

- Submit Resume:** Professional resume documenting work history & patient care experience.

- Attach copies of any dental certifications or other supporting documents.**

- Submit Official High School Transcript/HiSET/GED**

- Students whose native language is not English and those who have not completed Grades K-12 in the U.S. must demonstrate English proficiency by having completed ENG101 with a grade of C+ or higher, or have completed a Bachelor's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university, or score 213 on the computerized version or 550 on the paper version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL scores).

Foreign education credentials, high school and college must be evaluated and translated by a U.S. evaluation company like The Evaluation Company - MWCC Pathway (offers discounted services: <https://mwcc.edu/enroll/international>), the Center for Educational Documentation (CED) or World Education Services (WES). A list of additional evaluation services is available at <https://naces.org/members>.

Students who wish to attend MWCC as an International Student must complete the International Student Application and meet all of the requirements of that application prior to applying to a selective healthcare program. Students seeking an F-1 visa should contact the Admissions Office to schedule an appointment with a Designated School Official (DSO).

- Official College Transcripts/Proof of Minimum Academic Requirements:**

Please submit official, sealed college transcripts or have transcripts sent electronically to records@mwcc.mass.edu. Photocopies will not be accepted. All transcript requests must be made prior to the application deadline. **NOTE: If you have requested your transcript to be sent to MWCC, attach a copy of your request confirmation.**

Minimum Academic Requirements:

*Students using placement testing to meet minimum academic requirements will still be required to successfully complete all required courses for the program.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Successful Completion of ENG 101 - College Writing I, with a C+ or higher | <input type="checkbox"/> Taken at MWCC | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed at Other College | <input type="checkbox"/> Met with Testing* (Placement/CLEP/DSST/AP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Successful Completion of MAT 143 - Statistics, with a C+ or higher, within 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Taken at MWCC | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed at Other College | <input type="checkbox"/> Met with Testing* (Placement/CLEP/DSST/AP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Successful Completion of BIO 203 - Anatomy & Physiology I, with a C+ or higher, within 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Taken at MWCC | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed at Other College | <input type="checkbox"/> Met with Testing* (CLEP/DSST/AP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Successful Completion of BIO 204 - Anatomy & Physiology II, with a C+ or higher, within 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Taken at MWCC | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed at Other College | <input type="checkbox"/> Met with Testing* (CLEP/DSST/AP) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Successful Completion of BIO 205 - Microbiology, with a C+ or higher, within 10 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Taken at MWCC | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed at Other College | <input type="checkbox"/> Met with Testing* (CLEP/DSST/AP) |

Recommended Academic Requirements:

Given the competitiveness of program admission, applicants are strongly encouraged to complete the following Preferred Academic Requirements prior to applying:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Successful Completion of ENG 102 - College Writing II, with a C+ or higher | <input type="checkbox"/> Taken at MWCC | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed at Other College | <input type="checkbox"/> Met with Testing* (Placement/CLEP/DSST/AP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Taken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Successful Completion of PSY 105 - Introduction to Psychology, with a C+ or higher | <input type="checkbox"/> Taken at MWCC | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed at Other College | <input type="checkbox"/> Met with Testing* (CLEP/DSST/AP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Taken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Successful Completion of SOC 103 - Introduction to Sociology, with a C+ or higher | <input type="checkbox"/> Taken at MWCC | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed at Other College | <input type="checkbox"/> Met with Testing* (CLEP/DSST/AP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Taken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Successful Completion of a Humanities Elective (see advisor for preferred electives) | <input type="checkbox"/> Taken at MWCC | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed at Other College | <input type="checkbox"/> Met with Testing* (CLEP/DSST/AP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Taken |

RESIDENCY INFORMATION

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:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Valid Driver's License | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Bills* | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Pay Stub* | <input type="checkbox"/> Valid Car Registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration* | <input type="checkbox"/> State/Federal Tax Returns* | <input type="checkbox"/> Mass. High School Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Military Home of Record* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Lease or Rent Receipt* | <input type="checkbox"/> Record of Parents' Residency for Unemancipated Person* | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
- I am an eligible participant in the New England Board of Higher Education's Regional Student Program. For eligibility information visit: nebhe.org/tuitionbreak/
- 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.)

Tuition Equity Law: Under the Tuition Equity Law, undocumented students who attended a Massachusetts high school may qualify for in-state tuition rates. As proof of residency, students may be requested to provide documentation such as those listed on the application. Learn more: mwcc.edu/tuition-law

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: studentaid.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-services.

MWCC strongly encourages you to complete the FAFSA. If you are looking for help with your FAFSA, please contact the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) office for an appointment at 978-630-9823. If you have questions about your financial aid application or college financial planning, please call Student Financial Services at 978-630-9169. Schedule an appointment for FAFSA Friday and help with your FAFSA here: mwcc.edu/admissions/fafsa-fridays/

Students planning to use the MassEducate or MassReconnect free college benefit for eligible Massachusetts residents are required to complete the FAFSA and a Prior Degree Affidavit upon acceptance.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Options |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visions/Rx Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Life & Activities | |

RESEARCH

Mount Wachusett Community College is committed to offering programming and resources to support all of our students. By answering the following questions, you will provide valuable data to the college that will enable us to secure funding for student success initiatives. You are not required to provide this background information.

Do either of your biological or adoptive parents have a four-year college degree? Yes No

Is English your native or "first" language? Yes No

If no, we offer English as a Second Language (ESL) courses. Please call the Leominster campus at 978-630-9810.

Do you require additional coursework to improve your English (written and verbal skills)? Yes No

How did you find/receive information about MWCC? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend, Relative or Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-line | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign (Billboard, bus, mall etc.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Do you consider yourself to be LGBTQ+? Yes No I am not sure I prefer not to say

We recognize that there are many ways to identify within this community. Feel free to share your individual identity if you wish: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & SIGNATURE

I have read the Technical Standards and understand that it is my responsibility to discuss any accommodation that I may need with the appropriate college representative.

Yes No

I have reviewed and understand the information on pages 5-8 of the Dental Hygiene application.

Yes No

I understand that without the minimum requirements, my application will not be reviewed.

Yes No

I understand that students may not co-enroll in more than one selective program at any given time.

Yes No

I understand that if accepted I must attend a mandatory program orientation (usually held within the first two weeks of May).

Yes No

I understand that failure to attend the mandatory program orientation will forfeit my seat in the program.

Yes No

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.

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.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

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

MWCC Admissions Receiving Official

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____

Date Processed: _____

BDM Date: _____

Received By: _____

Processed By: _____

BDM By: _____

MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS & ADMISSION INFORMATION

1. Applicants must meet all minimum requirements at the time of application deadline.
2. Courses in progress at time of application deadline will not be considered as having met these requirements.
3. Science and math courses older than 10 years are not accepted.
4. If your application is deemed complete, you will be notified by mail of the decision approximately 60 days following the application deadline.

MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Office of Admissions offers monthly information sessions that will include program information, the admission process, and financial aid information. Attendance at an information session is mandatory for selective program applicants. Transcript reviews are not conducted at these sessions. Please call 978-630-9447 for more information or visit mwcc.edu/info.

READMISSION

To be considered for readmission, applicants must submit a letter of intent to the Program Chair. Suggested supportive materials should include any documentation of compliance with recommendations made to the student at the time of or since their withdrawal and other materials which enhance the request. The Program Director and a Dental Hygiene faculty member will meet with the student to discuss the student's request. The discussion will focus on the student's prior performance in the program, progress in college courses, related work experience, and followup of any recommendations made to the student at the time of or since their withdrawal. If the student is found to be eligible to reapply to the program, the student must complete an admissions application and provide all supporting documents by the application deadline.

Mount Wachusett Community College reserves the right to limit the number of readmissions each academic year. Readmission to the Dental Hygiene program is not guaranteed and is on a space available basis. A student seeking readmission to the Dental Hygiene program who has been absent from the program for more than one academic year must follow the application procedure for new students. Students who have two failures in Dental Hygiene courses are not eligible for readmission. Admission to the Dental Hygiene program is selective and the admissions committee reserves the right to deny readmission to any applicant. Students are limited to two admissions (one initial admission and one readmission) in the Dental Hygiene program.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Please note that the following information must be received before courses begin:

- Students accepted to Health Programs must be in compliance with the current immunization requirements specified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for Health Care Personnel (HCP) and in accordance with state law, MGL, Chapter 76, Section 15C and its regulations at 105 CMR 220.700 in order to participate in an externship placement or clinical experience.
- Complete physical health examination conducted within the past two years by a licensed health care provider.
- Immunization Requirements for Health Science Students: Two (2) doses Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or positive titre; two (2) doses MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine or positive titers; three (3) doses Hepatitis B vaccine AND Hepatitis B titer showing immunity to the disease; one (1) TDAP (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccine within 10 years; one (1) dose Meningococcal vaccine (ages 16-21); annual Influenza vaccine; initial "2 step" PPD or Quantiferon Gold TB blood test or an annual TB testing (negative chest x-ray within 5 years AND annual TB Questionnaire also accepted). Contact Robyn Hartin at rhartin@mwcc.mass.edu for more information.
- Although proof of the COVID-19 vaccination is no longer required by our clinical site partners, the clinical site partners retain the right to change student requirements for clinical placements, and students will be required to adhere to their policies. Any changes to specific clinical site requirements will be communicated to students as soon as the new information becomes available.
- Liability Insurance of \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 coverage is required. Students will be covered under the college's liability insurance policy, which will be billed through student fees.
- CPR Certification (BLS Healthcare Provider through American Heart Association) is required. A certificate of completion must be presented to Robyn Hartin, Compliance Coordinator prior to entry into nursing courses.
- All Healthcare students must participate in the Massachusetts Community College Health Insurance Plan or provide current accurate information regarding comparable coverage.
- Students are required to have a computer or laptop with working camera.
- Clinical sites may require the student obtain certain background checks (state/federal criminal or sexual offender), finger printing and/or drug testing before participating in the clinical experience. Costs for these reviews will be the responsibility of the student.
- Students will be taking all program specific coursework at the Fitchburg Campus. Some clinicals will be provided off campus at sites within the region; all students will be expected to complete clinical rotations on and off site.
- Upon completion of the program, students will be required to sit for the following licensing exams: National Board Dental Hygiene Exam (NBDHE: \$600*), ADEX Dental Hygiene Clinical Exams (clinical & CSCE OSCE: \$1,150*), CDCA Dental Hygiene Local Anesthesia Exam (\$140*). Exam fees are the responsibility of the student. *Estimated costs.

BACKGROUND CHECKS, DRUG TESTING AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

A Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) review procedure has been implemented for students whose academic programs includes the potential for unsupervised contact with persons from vulnerable populations (i.e., children, the elderly and the disabled).

As part of the coursework in the Dental Hygiene program, students are required to complete practical hours in clinical facilities working with patients under the supervision of licensed providers. Clinical sites may require the student obtain certain background checks (state/federal criminal or sexual offender), finger printing and/or drug testing before participating in the clinical experience. Costs for these reviews will be the responsibility of the student. Refusing to participate in these background checks or drug testing will result in the inability to progress in the program. A positive background check or drug test may also result in the inability to progress in the program. The prospective student is encouraged to discuss any concerns with the program director prior to acceptance into the Dental Hygiene program. All screenings and background checks are completed AFTER admission/acceptance into the program.

Applicants for initial Massachusetts dental hygiene licensure must report felonies and misdemeanors, convictions and disciplinary action to the Board of Registration in Dentistry in dental hygiene programs for its evaluation of the applicant's compliance with the Good Moral Character requirement at MGL, c. 112, Section 51 and 52A - G. For details, refer to the Massachusetts Dental Hygiene license information: mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-dental-hygienist-license

By signing this application, the prospective student understands his/her responsibility to participate in and pay for these background checks/drug tests, if required by the clinical site. By signing this application, the prospective student also understands the consequences of refusing to test, or refusing to undergo the background checks.

STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

In compliance with the Clery 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 www.mwcc.mass.edu or by request through the Office of Admissions. 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.

Candidates for selective programs at MWCC should read and understand the Good Moral Character requirements for many healthcare licensures in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In keeping with this licensure standard, the Good Moral Character requirement also applies to several selective programs at Mount Wachusett Community College.

For more information on student rights & responsibilities, college services, policies & procedures, please visit our catalog: catalog.mwcc.edu

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

In response to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Dental Hygiene Program at Mount Wachusett Community College has identified physical competencies as essential for a dental hygiene student to function safely and effectively in a variety of clinical settings. While a physical disability should not preclude a student from consideration for admission to the program, the disability must not prevent the student, while enrolled in the program and upon graduation, from performing essential functions as a dental hygienist. Students must possess the following:

Students entering this program must be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- The visual acuity with corrective lenses to identify changes in oral tissues.
- Ability to discern changes in color, texture and shape of tissues.
- Ability to differentiate among subtle shades of gray as seen on radiographs.
- Sufficient physical ability to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation in the handling of a medical emergency.
- Sufficient communication (oral and/or written) ability to question the patient about his/her medical condition and to relay information about the patient to others in English.
- Sufficient manual dexterity with two hands to manipulate instruments with precision and control in the oral cavity without causing damage to tissues. This skill may not be fully evaluated until the preclinical portion of the curriculum.
- A sense of touch that allows for assessment and palpation of oral tissues.
- Ability to sit for prolonged (up to four hours) periods of time.
- Ability to operate and manipulate mechanical equipment, (i.e., dials, switches, push buttons, syringes, and blood pressure measurement devices).
- Ability to pick up items of very small (2mm in width, 21 mm in length minimum) and varying diameters.
- Ability to use upper body movements (up to five feet) to grasp, push/pull, reach overhead equipment, and to rotate and reach laterally.
- Ability to lift, carry and move equipment and supplies of up to ten pounds.
- Ability to wear protective equipment such as gloves, face masks and/or respirators, face shields, and magnified, protective eye wear for an extended period of time.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon graduation from this program, students shall have demonstrated the ability to meet these Program Competencies that guide the dental hygiene curricula and practice:

- Communicate effectively and accurately through oral, written and electronic means.
- Demonstrate the application of theory to practice in achieving optimal patient care.
- Utilize methods of scientific investigation in developing a comprehensive plan of care.
- Implement comprehensive education plans that promote health and identify risk behaviors in individuals and groups of patients for both community and clinic settings.
- Practice within the legal, ethical and regulatory framework of dental hygiene in accordance with the standards set by the State Practice Act and Code of Ethics for Dental Hygienist.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the Dental Hygiene profession through assuming responsibility for life long learning and professional growth.

ACCREDITATION

The program in Dental Hygiene is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of Approval without Reporting Requirements. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 800-232-6108 or 401 North Michigan Ave, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois 60611-4250. The Commission's web address is: ada.org/en/coda

Students seeking enrollment in this program are advised to contact MWCC Admissions at 978-630-9447 or at admissions@mwcc.edu for additional information.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What criteria are reviewed for admission?

- Minimum academic requirements (see page 1)
- High School Diploma or HiSET (GED) completion and/or overall GPA
- Education background (prior college courses, degrees, GPA)
- CLEP Test Scores & AP Scores
- Previous work/volunteer experience in the dental or healthcare field
- Information Session attendance

What happens if I don't turn in all of my credentials by the deadline?

The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the application file is complete and that all items are received by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

When will I hear about my admission decision?

Admission is competitive, space is limited and not all applicants are accepted. Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be notified of the admission decision by mail approximately 60 days after the deadline.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If I am not accepted this year, will I automatically be accepted next year?

No, you are not guaranteed acceptance. All applicants must reapply and should attend an information session after the application is released for the next admission cycle.

I was accepted but cannot take my seat in the program, can I defer my acceptance to next year?

No, MWCC does not defer selective applications nor hold waitlists for any selective programs.

If I am not accepted into the A.S. Dental Hygiene program, will I automatically be enrolled into a general studies program at MWCC?

No. If you would like to apply to another program at MWCC, you must complete the general application.

How do I get started in the A.S. Dental Hygiene program?

Students are encouraged to enter the college as an Interdisciplinary Studies (IDSH) student. With this major, you will be identified as a potential dental hygiene applicant and will be assigned an advisor that will assist you in establishing an educational plan. As an IDSH student, you may complete any of your non-dental hygiene courses (i.e., English, mathematics, sciences, etc.) then apply to the program when you have met the requirements for consideration.

How do I make an appointment to complete my placement testing?

If you have not yet completed college level English and Math, your next step is to take the placement exam. Students may take the placement exam on our Gardner or Leominster campuses and options at each of those campuses vary. For more information, please check mwcc.edu/testing or contact Testing Services at 978-630-9244. An MWCC Student ID number is required for testing. If you have completed placement testing in the past three years, these scores can be used if they meet the program requirements. Students using placement testing for application requirements will still be required to take all courses for degree completion.

Can I speak with an advisor about the Dental Hygiene program?

Yes, all students are first required to attend an information session and you can schedule your session by visiting mwcc.edu/info. Transcript reviews are not conducted at these sessions, however many questions about the program are answered. After attending an information session, if you have additional questions, please schedule a one on one appointment by visiting: mwcc.edu/admissions/#collapse507171 or contacting the Admissions Office - Phone: 978-630-9447 Email: admissions@mwcc.mass.edu

Transferring Credits to MWCC

All transfer courses must have been taken at an accredited college and must be approved for transfer credit through the Records Office prior to enrollment into the semester in which they are required. Transfer credit is not guaranteed.

Can I work and attend classes full-time?

Dental Hygiene and science coursework is rigorous and complex and requires many hours per week of personal commitment to study. Part-time employment may be appropriate, but will need to be flexible in order to accommodate school requirements. Students are encouraged to balance their employment and school responsibilities.

Where are the A.S. Dental Hygiene classes held?

A.S. Dental Hygiene classes will be held on the Fitchburg campus and clinicals will be held in the surrounding area.

Where do I attend a clinical setting or placement, and how do I get there?

Dental Hygiene students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical sites which include Community Health Connections (CHC) Dental Services in Fitchburg and other local area healthcare agencies used as dental hygiene practicum sites.

Can the Technical Standards impact my ability to complete the program?

All applicants should review the Technical Standards for their program of choice. It is the responsibility of the applicant to discuss any accommodation that they may need by contacting Disability Services at 978-630-9330.

Can I transfer to a four-year school and earn a Bachelor's Degree?

Mount Wachusett Community College currently has an articulation agreement in place with Vermont State University. For more information regarding this articulation agreement, contact Advising at 978-630-9109.

2025/2026 DENTAL HYGIENE COST OF ATTENDANCE

*denotes courses required or strongly recommended for completion prior to application.

PREREQUISITE SEMESTER			
	*ENG 101	College Writing I	\$720
	*MAT 143	Statistics	\$720
	*BIO 203	Anatomy and Physiology I	\$960
	*BIO 204	Anatomy and Physiology II	\$960
	*BIO 205	Microbiology	\$960
	Approximate Tuition/Fees Cost:		\$4,320
YEAR 1		CREDITS	TUTION COST
Semester I			
	DHY 101	Anatomic Science For The Dental Hygienist I	\$720
	DHY 102	Dental Hygiene Process Of Care I	\$1,200
	DHY 103	Dental Radiology	\$720
	Program Fee		\$2,650
	Approximate Tuition/Fees Cost:		\$5,290
Semester II			
	DHY 105	Anatomic Science For The Dental Hygienist II	\$720
	DHY 106	Dental Materials	\$720
	DHY 107	Periodontology	\$720
	DHY 108	Dental Hygiene Process Of Care II	\$1,440
	Program Fee		\$2,650
	Approximate Tuition/Fees Cost:		\$6,250
Semester III			
	DHY 205	Pain Control	\$720
	*ENG 102	College Writing II	\$720
	Program Fee		\$2,650
	Approximate Tuition/Fees Cost:		\$4,090
YEAR 2		CREDITS	TUTION COST
Semester IV			
	*PSY 105	Introduction To Psychology	\$720
	DHY 201	Oral Pathology	\$480
	DHY 202	Pharmacology For The Dental Hygienist	\$720
	DHY 203	Dental Hygiene Process Of Care III	\$1,200
	Program Fee		\$2,650
	Approximate Tuition/Fees Cost:		\$5,770
Semester V			
	DHY 209	Community Oral Health	\$960
	DHY 207	Dental Hygiene Process Of Care IV	\$1,200
	DHY 208	Dental Ethics And Professional Issues	\$480
	*SOC 103	Introduction To Sociology	\$720
	Program Fee		\$2,650
	Approximate Tuition/Fees Cost:		\$6,010
	Approximate Total Tuition/Fee Cost:		\$31,730
Total Credits		77	
Miscellaneous Program Expenses:		\$12,159	
Equipment, Liability Insurance, CPR, Textbooks and Misc Materials			
Subtotal			\$43,889
College Health Insurance Plan		\$4,379/yr	\$8,758
Note: If you already have health insurance, you will not need to purchase college insurance			
APPROXIMATE TOTAL PROGRAM COST			\$52,647

Dental Hygiene

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Application for Entrance: September 2026

Priority Application Deadline: February 1, 2026

Contact Information

Office of Admissions

444 Green Street
Gardner, MA 01440
978-630-9447

Tel: 978-630-9447

Fax: 978-630-9554

Email: admissions@mwcc.edu

Web: mwcc.edu/admissions

Student Financial Services

Tel: 978-630-9169

Fax: 978-630-9459

Email: sfs@mwcc.mass.edu

Web: mwcc.edu/financial-services

Records Office

Tel: 978-630-9106

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Program Campus

Fitchburg