

Paramedic Technology

Application & Information Packet

Program Start: Fall 2026

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED & SUBMITTED BY APRIL 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 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

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

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

- Are you applying with 68W service?**

Yes No

- 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.

- Proof of current Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license - Please provide copy of current certification either National (NREMT) or individual state.
- Proof of active employment as a Basic or Advanced EMT: Verified by letter from current employer.
- Successful Completion of ENG 098 - Fundamentals of Reading, with a C+ or higher
- Taken at MWCC Completed at Other College Met with Testing* (Placement/CLEP/DSST/AP) Not Taken
- Successful Completion of MAT 092 - Foundations of Mathematics, with a C+ or higher, within 10 years
- Taken at MWCC Completed at Other College Met with Testing* (Placement/CLEP/DSST/AP) Not Taken

Recommended Academic Requirements:

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

- Successful Completion of BIO 152 - Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology, with a B- or higher, within 10 years
- Taken at MWCC Completed at Other College Met with Testing* (CLEP/DSST/AP) Not Taken
- Successful Completion of ENG 101 - College Writing I, with a C+ or higher
- Taken at MWCC Completed at Other College Met with Testing* (CLEP/DSST/AP) 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 Paramedic Technology 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.

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 may be considered as meeting 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

Mount Wachusett Community College reserves the right to limit the number of readmissions each academic year. Readmission to the Paramedic program is not guaranteed and is on a space available basis. Students are limited to two admissions to the Paramedic program. Emergency medical conditions will be considered on an individual basis and will require documentation from a physician. Admission to the Paramedic program is selective and the admissions committee reserves the right to deny readmission to any applicant. The respective programs reserve the right to refuse readmission based on, but not limited to, unprofessional behavior, unethical conduct, and client safety issues.

To be considered for readmission, applicants must schedule a meeting with Admissions to review eligibility for readmission. If approved to reapply, students must submit a Paramedic application and all supporting documents by the application deadline.

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.
- Please note: BIO 152 and all HCC courses require a grade of B- or better to be eligible for promotion to the next level. Credits must be completed no more than ten years prior to the program's application deadline.

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 Paramedic 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. Please note: Marijuana, though legal in Massachusetts, is recognized as a controlled substance by the federal government. Marijuana use whether for medicinal or recreational purposes will lead to a positive drug test; making the student ineligible to attend a practicum site.

The prospective student is encouraged to discuss any concerns with the program director prior to acceptance into the Paramedic program. All screenings and background checks are completed AFTER admission/acceptance into the program.

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

Students are expected to meet the technical standards for enrollment in college programs. In some cases, assessment and developmental courses may help students meet these standards. Technical standards must be met with or without accommodations. The college complies with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Therefore, the College will make a reasonable accommodation for an applicant with a disability who is otherwise qualified.

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

- Comprehend textbook material at the 11th grade level.
- Communicate and assimilate information either in spoken, printed, signed or computer voice format.
- Gather, analyze and draw conclusions from data acquired from patient treatment.
- Stand for a minimum of two hours.
- Walk for a minimum of six hours, not necessarily consecutively.
- Stoop, bend, and twist for a minimum of 30 minutes at a time and be able to repeat this activity at frequent intervals.
- Lift heavy loads (patients or equipment) that may exceed 100 pounds.
- Determine by touch: hotness/coldness, wetness/dryness, hardness/softness.
- Manipulate gauges and valves associated with, for example, oxygen delivery.
- Manipulate small devices such as syringes, IVs, resuscitation equipment, etc.
- Read measurement units with or without corrective lenses.
- Identify behaviors that would endanger a person's life or safety and intervene quickly in a crisis situation with an appropriate solution.
- Remain calm, rational, decisive, and in control at all times, especially during emergency situations.
- Exhibit social skills appropriate to professional interactions.
- Maintain cleanliness and personal grooming consistent with close personal contact.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Demonstrate personal behaviors consistent with professional and employer expectations of an entry-level paramedic
- Demonstrate technical proficiency in all skills necessary to fulfill the role of an entry level paramedic
- Comprehend, apply and evaluate information relative to the role of an entry level paramedic
- Demonstrate a passing score on the National Registry written and practical exams

ACCREDITATION

Accredited by the Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services, MWCC is an Authorized Training Center for all National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) Certification Courses. MWCC's Paramedic program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (caahep.org; 9355 113th St N, #7709 Seminole, FL 33775; 727-210-2350) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Emergency Medical Services Programs. 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 healthcare.
- 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 Paramedic Technology 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 Paramedic Technology program?

Students are encouraged to enter the college as an Interdisciplinary Studies - Allied Health (IDSH) student. With this major, you will be identified as a potential nursing 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-nursing 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 Paramedic Technology 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?

Paramedic Technology coursework is complex and requires a personal commitment. Part-time employment may be appropriate, but hours will need to be flexible in order to accommodate school requirements. Students are encouraged to balance their employment and school responsibilities.

Where are the Paramedic Technology classes held?

Paramedic Technology classes will be held on the Gardner 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?

Paramedic Technology students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical sites which include healthcare agencies throughout the state.

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.

How does the CORI impact my application?

A CORI positive finding may prevent an applicant from successfully completing the paramedic certificate program and may prohibit them from clinicals and taking the NREMT for Paramedics.

2025/2026 PARAMEDIC TECHNOLOGY COST OF ATTENDANCE

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

YEAR 1		CREDITS	TUTION COST
Semester I			
*BIO 152	Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology 1	4	\$960
HCC 201	Paramedicine I	3	\$720
HCC 202	Paramedicine II	4	\$960
HCC 203	Paramedicine III	3	\$720
*ENG 101	College Writing I	3	\$720
	Program Fee		\$1,988
	Approximate Tuition/Fees Cost:		\$6,068
Semester II			
HCC 211	Paramedic Pharmacology	3	\$720
HCC 215	Special Populations/EMS Operations	1	\$240
HCC 212	Cardiology	4	\$960
HCC 213	Medical Emergencies	3	\$720
HCC 217	Trauma	3	\$720
	Program Fee		\$1,988
	Approximate Tuition/Fees Cost:		\$5,348
Semester III			
HCC 218	Paramedic Clinical Internship	8	\$1,920
	Program Fee		\$1,988
	Approximate Tuition/Fees Cost:		\$3,908
YEAR 2			
Semester IV			
HCC 220	Summative Paramedicine Review	4	\$960
HCC 221	Capstone Paramedic Field Internship 2	5	\$1,200
	Program Fee		\$1,988
	Approximate Tuition/Fees Cost:		\$4,148
Total Credits		48	
Miscellaneous Program Expenses:		\$4,026	
Equipment, Liability Insurance, CPR, Textbooks and Misc Materials			
Subtotal			\$23,498
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			\$32,256

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Application for Entrance: September 2026

Priority Application Deadline: April 1, 2026

Contact & Campuses

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Student Financial Services

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Email: sfs@mwcc.mass.edu

Web: mwcc.edu/financial-services

Records Office

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Program Chair

Peter Laitinen, MS, BSN, RN, CEN,
NREMT, EMT I/C

Program Campus

Gardner