DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Through the K-12 Partnership Division of Access and Transition, MWCC administers several College Access and Preparation Programs, which provide middle and high school students, as well as adults, with an array of academic, college and career awareness services, including, academic and career counseling, tutorials, workshops and activities. Services are generally provided through targeted grant initiatives. In addition, MWCC hosts several annual events and activities designed for students and parents, which are open to the public. Most programs are free of charge. For more information on any program, call 978-630-9248 or visit our website.

Dual Enrollment: A Head Start on College

Whether in high school or homeschool programs, juniors and seniors (age 16 or older) can enroll in MWCC classes prior to high school graduation and take courses that may transfer to most two and four-year public and private institutions while completing their high school graduation requirements. Participants are considered MWCC students and enjoy all the same benefits. Students are encouraged to participate fully in college activities and programs, including the Honors Program, academic support services and other co-curricular activities. Students may enroll at MWCC on either a part- or full-time basis.

High school students who intend to complete a portion of their junior or senior year at the college through MWCC’s Dual Enrollment program must:

- Submit a completed Dual Enrollment Admission Application, with guidance counselor and parent/guardian signature. This application is available at this website or through the Admissions Office at 978-630-9110 or admissions@mwcc.edu
- Apply no later than June 30 for fall classes, December 15 for spring classes and June 1 for summer classes (applications received after these deadlines will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis).
- Be 16 years of age or a current junior or senior and hold a minimum 2.8 GPA (official transcript required). The college will recalculate all GPAs on a 4.0 scale.
- Assessment test score requirements:
  o English proficiency: must place into ENG 101 College Writing I by achieving a score of 5 or higher on the Essay portion of the Accuplacer
  o Reading proficiency: score of 69 or greater on the CPT Reading Comprehension assessment
  o Sentence skills: score of 68 or greater on CPT Sentence Skills assessment required
  o Math proficiency: must place into MAT 126 Topics In Mathematics
- Scores are subject to change. Students who do not meet the above testing guidelines may be permitted to take foundation level courses with the approval of their high school.

Dual enrollment applicants must meet established guidelines of MWCC and their participating high school. Students enrolled in the Dual Enrollment program are not allowed to participate in classes beginning after 6:00 p.m. without permission from the student’s high school and parent or guardian. Students enrolled in the Dual Enrollment program are not allowed to participate in web classes without permission from the student’s high school and parent or guardian. Students enrolled in this program are non-matriculated students, must pay all college tuition/fees, and are ineligible for financial aid while they are enrolled in high school.

Gateway to College

Through this program, students who have stepped out of traditional high school, who are behind credits, or who are at significant risk of dropping out of high school, receive a true second chance to achieve educational success. Students ages 16-21 can enroll at MWCC to earn both high school and college credits toward a high school diploma and associate degree or certificate. This program is offered through a partnership with the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District at MWCC’s Gardner Campus. Students interested in Gateway to College must attend an information session, complete an application, interview with a Gateway to College Resource Specialist and take the Accuplacer test.

Pathways Early College Innovation School

The Pathways program is an Early College high school opportunity for motivated high school/home school juniors who would like to get a jump start on college. The Pathways program provides an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and Associate’s degree while completing the junior and senior years of high school at MWCC’s Gardner Campus. Admission into the program is a
competitive process. This program is offered through a partnership with the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District and Mount Wachusett Community College. Students interested in Pathways must attend an information session, complete an application, take the Accuplacer test and place into College Level, and interview with the Program Director. Students must have a GPA of a 3.0 or higher to apply for Pathways Early College Innovation School.