Pathways to Success Program

Pathways to Success is a chance for graduates from the class of 2003, 2004 and 2005 who have not yet passed the MCAS exam to prepare for college admissions while exploring other options available to them. The Pathways to Success program offers the chance to enroll in a ten-week program to prepare for MCAS retesting, college entrance, or exploration and assistance with other education and career paths. This program offers a unique and true to life academic college experience, allowing the student to focus on coursework that will be relevant to passing the MCAS exam and other college entrance requirements. Students will be offered the chance to travel to the November MCAS exams, will be exposed to college and career exploration seminars and will receive incentives as they complete the program. Students participating in Pathways to Success are considered MWCC students and as such will be awarded the same library and academic support privileges as MWCC students.

Schedule
An evening program will run at the Gardner campus Tuesday and Thursday from 4 am to 8 pm, starting September 14, 2004.

Cost
There is no cost for this program. Students will receive math and/or English classes, college seminars, text books, materials, meals and transportation free of charge for participating in the program.

Transportation
If needed, bus passes will be provided to participants.

Meals
Daily meals will be provided at no cost to participants

Application Process
Applications are due no later than October 1st. All applicants will require parent approval. Participants must have copies of their MCAS scores.

Testing
Assessment testing is part of the application process for all MWCC students and required for all Pathways participants. Testing will take place at Mount Wachusett Community College during the program.

Acceptance
Students will be informed of their acceptance upon registration.

Advisement/Registration and Participation
Pathways students will meet with their MWCC advisor when registering for their individual coursework, and throughout the semester daily. Any student whose attendance falls below an acceptable level during the program will not receive the weekly incentives. Students will follow all MWCC student policies as outlined in the MWCC Student Handbook.

Academic Credit
When the program has been successfully completed, students will meet with their advisor to discuss their future options with MWCC. College placement testing will be completed as part of the course curriculum, and based on this, a student may be eligible to complete their education at MWCC.

For more information on the GEAR UP Program or if you have a disability and require accommodations in order to participate fully in the program activities, please contact Pati Gregson, Director, College Access and Preparation Programs at 978-630-9339 to discuss your specific needs.


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The Pathways Program is a **FREE** program for students in the class of 2003, 2004 and 2005. It has two goals:

I. To offer college preparatory classes to help students pass the MCAS retest exam.
II. To help students meet the eligibility requirements to enroll in college level courses at Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) or other post-secondary opportunities.

The evening program will run at the Gardner campus Tuesday and Thursday from 4-8 p.m., Starting September 14, 2004. Students will be taught by MWCC faculty. There is no cost for this program. Students will receive math and/or English classes based on their testing needs. The program also includes tutoring, ESL and ABE instruction, college seminars, text books, materials, meals and transportation free of charge for participating in the program.

All participants will have access to MWCC Services including:

- College Registration, Orientation and Academic Advising
- English and math classes, Tutoring, ESL and ABE instruction
- College Success Seminars
- Access to MWCC Athletic Facilities
- Book vouchers to MWCC book store
- Computer Lab & Library
- Meal Plans
- Transportation Assistance

Results of students enrolled in Pathways during the summer of 2004:

- 57% are returning for another semester in the Pathways program.
- 13% passed MWCC’s Ability To Benefit test which qualifies them for financial aid and are enrolled in regular courses at the college.
- 26% received Pathways vouchers to enroll in MWCC college classes.
- 17% are enrolled in other programs offered at MWCC (Job Corp, EOC, ABE classes etc.).

Classes start in September of 2004.

For more information about enrolling in Pathways call (978) 630-9323.