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This page contains lists of various ways to continue your education. There is a section that highlights local courses and classes in the Worcester area that are free or low cost that do not offer college credit. There is also a section that contains information on programs that help you to obtain a college degree.

Local Courses and Classes

This section contains various courses and classes offered in the Worcester area that allow people to continue their education who are not looking to obtain a degree. The classes offered vary in length from one meeting to several weeks. More information about specific classes can be found at the links below.

Tower Hill Botanic Garden
http://www.towerhillbg.org/classes-programs/

Classes Offered:
- Garden and Nature
- Health and Wellness
- Food and Cooking
- Various other

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Location:
11 French Drive
Boylston, MA, 01505
**Worcester Art Museum**

[https://portal.worcesterart.org/classes/](https://portal.worcesterart.org/classes/)

Classes Offered:
- Painting
- Drawing
- Calligraphy
- Various Art Classes

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**Location:**
55 Salisbury Street
Worcester, MA 01609

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**Worcester Center for Crafts**

[https://www.worcester.edu/WCC-Classes/](https://www.worcester.edu/WCC-Classes/)

Classes Offered:
- Ceramics
- Glassblowing
- Metalworking
- Photography
- Various other Art Classes

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**Location:**
25 Sagamore Road
Worcester, MA 01605
Worcester Nightlife
http://www.nightlifeworcester.org/NightLife.aspx

Classes Offered:
❖ Arts and Crafts
❖ Culinary Arts
❖ Dance
❖ Language Arts
❖ Music
❖ Various classes outside of the humanities

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Location:
24 Chatham Street - Room 105
Worcester, MA 0160

Worcester Public Library
http://www.mywpl.org/?q=classes-events

Classes Offered:
❖ Citizenship Classes
❖ Computer Classes
❖ Learning English
❖ Business Workshops

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Location:
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608
This section contains information and programs that are geared towards helping you to obtain a college degree. They highlight cheaper options for obtaining a degree as well as programs that help to direct you on the path to earning a degree. The organizations in this section also have career training program options.

Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education at Quinsigamond Community College

Quinsigamond Community College’s Center for Workforce Development and Continuing Education offers high quality training programs that enable individuals to learn new skills which can be applied immediately on the job or utilized for future professional development.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS
Check out the website for a full listing of classes offered.
❖ Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide Training
❖ Personal Care Homemaker Training
❖ Medical Interpreting
❖ HTML and website design
❖ And many more!

LOCATION
25 Federal Street
Worcester, MA 01609

CONTACT
cce@qcc.mass.edu
508-751-7900
College Unbound
https://www.collegeunbound.org/

College Unbound helps adults re-enter and stay in college and get their bachelor of arts degree. The academic content and instruction build on earlier studies and life experience. College Unbound requires at least nine college credits to in order to enroll.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS OFFERED
❖ Arts & Humanities
❖ Civics
❖ Math
❖ Organizational Leadership & Change
❖ Social & Behavioral Sciences
❖ Science
❖ Workplace & World Lab

LOCATION
325 Public Street
Providence, RI 02905

CONTACT
(401) 752-2640
info@collegeunbound.org

APPLICATION PROCESS
1. Apply online on their website.
2. Hand in required materials in person at the Justice building - second floor:
   a. $50 application fee
   b. Official, unopened transcript from all universities/colleges attended

Next Step Worcester
https://www.worcester.edu/Continuing-Education/

Continuing education program at Worcester State University that offers evening classes, part-time schedules, online options, semester, winter, and summer sessions, and more.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS
Check out the website for a full listing of classes offered.
❖ Business Administration
❖ Communication
❖ Criminal Justice
❖ English
❖ Health Education
❖ History
❖ Liberal Studies
❖ Psychology
❖ And many more!

LOCATION
486 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01602
Shaughnessy Administration Building
Suite A-401

CONTACT
508-929-8127
dgce@worcester.edu
This section highlights various resources in the Worcester area related to the humanities. Each museum, gallery, and organization is geared towards helping you to continue learning the humanities using the resources in your community.

Museums and Galleries

Museum of Russian Icons
http://www.museumofrussianicons.org/

The Museum of Russian Icons inspires the appreciation and study of Russian culture through a collection of more than 1,000 Russian icons and related artifacts from the past 6 centuries.

**ADMISSION**
- Adults: $10
- Seniors (59+): $7
- Students: $5
- Children (3-17): $5
- Children (<3): Free

**HOURS**
- Thurs-Fri: 11AM - 4PM
- Sat & Sun: 11AM - 5PM
- First Thurs: 11AM - 8PM
- Mon: CLOSED

**LOCATION**
203 Union Street
Clinton, MA 01510

Deals and Promotions
- Free to NEMA members, AAM members, NARM members, Employees of other museums, K-12 teachers, All active duty military and their families
- Free from 4PM-8PM on the first Thursday of every month

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Worcester Art Museum
http://www.worcesterart.org/

The Worcester Art Museum is world-renowned for its 35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings, and new media that span 5,000 years of art and culture. Special exhibitions showcase the masterworks, seldom-seen gems, and important works on loan.
Worcester Historical Museum
http://www.worcesterhistory.org/

Worcester Historical Museum is devoted to local history that is interpreted through a calendar of exhibitions, educational programming, tours, and publication. It includes a research library with over 7,000 titles, an archive that houses thousands of documents, and a collection of artifacts, all vital to the study of Worcester history.

**ADMISSION**
- Adults: $5
- Seniors: $4
- Students: $4
- Children (<19): Free
- Guided Tours: $3
- Self-guided Tours: $3

**HOURS**
- Tues-Sat: 10AM - 4PM
- 4th Thurs: 10AM - 8:30PM
- Sun-Mon: CLOSED

**LOCATION**
30 Elm Street
Worcester, MA 01609

The Sprinkler Factory
http://www.sprinklerfactory.com/

The Sprinkler Factory contains rotating art galleries, art studios, and performance space in industrial digs. Guests can go to admire ever-changing exhibitions.

**ADMISSION**
- Free to everyone

**HOURS**
- Sat-Sun: 1PM - 4PM
- 1st Sat: 5PM - 10PM
- Mon-Fri: CLOSED

**LOCATION**
38 Harlow Street
Worcester, MA 01605
Organizations

Worcester County Poetry Association

http://wcpa.homestead.com/

The Worcester County Poetry Association (WCPA) provides a forum for local poets, students, and others to celebrate the rich local history of Central Massachusetts. The organization sponsors lectures, readings, workshops, and other activities involving both local and internationally known poets and writers.

**MEMBERSHIP**
- Individual membership: $30/year
- Student, Senior, Low income: $12/year
- Check out the website for more membership options

Become a member of the WCPA online at: https://squareup.com/store/worcester-county-poetry-association, or you can mail in your membership to:
Worcester County Poetry Association
PO Box 804
Worcester, MA 01613

**EVENTS**
WCPA has various events multiple times throughout the week. These events vary in location and time.

All upcoming events and locations can be found on the WCPA website’s homepage. http://wcpa.homestead.com/Index.html

Worcester Women’s History Project

http://www.wwhp.org/

The Worcester Women’s History Project (WWHP) is a nonprofit all-volunteer educational organization dedicated to celebrating and documenting the contribution of women to the history, social fabric, and culture of Worcester and beyond.

**MEMBERSHIP**
- Supporter: $45
- Family: $60
- Student: $25
- Activist: $60
- Reformer: $100-$499
- Abby Kelleyite: $500

Become a member of the WWHP online at: http://www.wwhp.org/support-wwhp,

**EVENTS**
WWHP has various member events monthly and also hosts and participates in activities that promote the research of local women’s history.

All upcoming events and locations can be found on WWHP’s website.
This section highlights all of the public libraries in Worcester as well as the steps it takes to get a library card in order to access all of the resources that libraries have to offer.

## Getting a Library Card

Having a library card gives you access to everything the library has to offer. Worcester Public Libraries give you the option to apply online or in person to get a library card. Here are the few steps you need to take in order to apply.

### Online:
1. Go to [http://mywpl.org/get-your-free-library-card-apply-online](http://mywpl.org/get-your-free-library-card-apply-online).
2. Select which branch is easiest for you to pick up your library card.
3. Fill all the required fields on the application:
   a. First and Last name
   b. Email address
   c. Residential address
   d. Phone number
   e. Date of birth
4. Click continue and review your application on the next page.
5. Click submit to submit your application.
6. Go to the branch you selected with a form of proof of residence to pick up your new library card.

### In Person:
1. Make sure you have a form of proof of residence.
2. Go to whichever branch is easiest to get to (all are listed below).
3. Get an application from the librarian (you can also print it out ahead of time).
4. Fill out the required fields on the application:
   a. First and Last name
   b. Email address
   c. Residential address
   d. Phone number
   e. Date of birth
5. Bring the application to the librarian to get your new library card.
Main Library

**HOURS**
- Sunday: 1:30PM - 5:30PM
- Monday: 9:00AM - 5:30PM
- Tuesday: 9:00AM - 9:00PM
- Wednesday: 9:00AM - 9:00PM
- Thursday: 9:00AM - 5:30PM
- Friday: 9:00AM - 5:30PM
- Saturday: 9:00AM - 5:30PM

**LOCATION**
- 3 Salem Square
- Worcester, MA 01608

Frances Perkins Branch

**HOURS**
- Sunday: Closed
- Monday: 10:00AM - 6:30PM
- Tuesday: 9:00AM - 5:30PM
- Wednesday: 9:00AM - 5:30PM
- Thursday: 1:00PM - 9:00PM
- Friday: 1:00PM - 9:00PM
- Saturday: Closed

**LOCATION**
- 470 West Boylston Street
- Worcester, MA 01606

Great Brook Valley Branch

**HOURS**
- Sunday: Closed
- Monday: 2:00PM - 5:00PM
- Tuesday: 2:00PM - 5:00PM
- Wednesday: 2:00PM - 5:00PM
- Thursday: 9:30AM - 12:00PM
- 2:00PM - 5:00PM
- Friday: 2:00PM - 5:00PM
- Saturday: Closed

**LOCATION**
- 3 Salem Square
- Worcester, MA 01608

Roosevelt Branch

**HOURS**
- Sunday: Closed
- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
- Wednesday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
- Thursday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
- Friday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
- Saturday: 2:30PM - 5:30PM

**LOCATION**
- 3 Salem Square
- Worcester, MA 01608
Tatnuck Magnet Branch

HOURS
Sunday: Closed
Monday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
Tuesday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
Wednesday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
Thursday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
Friday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
Saturday: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

LOCATION
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608

Goddard Branch

HOURS
Sunday: Closed
Monday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
Tuesday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
Wednesday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
Thursday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
Friday: 3:00PM - 6:30PM
Saturday: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

LOCATION
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608

Burncoat Branch

HOURS
Sunday: Closed
Monday: 3:30PM - 6:30PM
Tuesday: 3:30PM - 6:30PM
Wednesday: 3:30PM - 6:30PM
Thursday: 3:30PM - 6:30PM
Friday: 3:30PM - 6:30PM
Saturday: 2:30PM - 5:30PM

LOCATION
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608
This page highlights various resources in the area that can help you alleviate any barriers that stand in your way when trying to continue your education. These resources include shelters, food assistance, family assistance, and medical care. The goal of these are to guide you in the direction of getting the help you need faster to get back on track of your education goals.

### Family Shelters

**Abby’s House**


Abby’s House provides short-term stabilization services including a safe place to stay, regroup, and rebuild to women and children. They will house women with or without children and does not require guests to be on welfare.

- **Shelter Hours:**
  - Daily from 5:30PM - 8AM

- **Location:**
  - 52 High Street
  - Worcester, MA 01609

- **Contact:**
  - 508-756-5486

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**Friendly House**


The Friendly House Shelter & Scattered Sites Program is a temporary emergency shelter program providing short-term housing, extensive housing search and services to help families to become self-sufficient. They serve families with children and expectant parents who are homeless. Most of the families they serve are supported with funding from and referred by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). They also have rooms for homeless families in the community who do not meet the eligibility criteria of the DHCD.

- **Shelter hours:**
  - 24 Hour Access

- **Location:**
  - 36 Wall Street
  - Worcester, MA 01604
The Village at Cambridge Street
http://www.cmhaonline.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=71&Itemid=116

The Village at Cambridge Street provides short-term apartment style shelter to families as well as employment training, housing search, and other educational programming services. Families reside in an apartment either on their own or with another family and receive intensive services to assist them in successful employment and housing placement. Families must be directly referred by DTA.

Shelter Hours: 24 Hour Access
Location: 510 Cambridge Street
Worcester, MA 01610

Contact: Lynne Millette
508-791-1512

Individual Housing

Saint Francis and Saint Therese Catholic Worker House
https://sites.google.com/site/ssthereseandfrancis/

Offers emergency shelter to single men and women while promoting peace and justice through education and nonviolent direct action. They provide emergency shelter along with two meals a day and laundry twice a week.

Shelter Hours: 24 Hour Access
Location: 52 Mason Street
Worcester, MA 01610

Contact: 508-753-3588
therese cw2@gmail.com
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

https://www.mass.gov/snap-benefits-food-stamps

SNAP provides a monthly benefit to buy nutritious foods to low income US citizens or legal noncitizens.

APPLICATION PROCESS
1. Find out if you are eligible.
2. Apply online with the necessary information
   a. Birth dates
   b. Social Security Numbers
   c. Incomes
   d. Expenses
3. Interview over the phone or at a local office.
4. Receive your decision and EBT card within 30 days
Applications can also be done in person at your local DTA or mailed to:
DTA Document Processing Center
P.O. Box 4406
Taunton, MA. 02780

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

https://www.mass.gov/women-infants-children-wic-nutrition-program

APPLICATION PROCESS
1. Find out if you are eligible.
2. Apply online or by phone (800-942-1007).
3. A representative will contact you with information on how to complete the process

CONTACT
wicinfo.dph@massmail.state.ma.us
Massachusetts Summer Food Service

http://www.doe.mass.edu/cnp/nprograms/sfsp/

The Summer Food Service Program provides free, nutritious meals to low-income children during school vacations. Children 18 and under and people over 18, who are determined by a State educational agency to be mentally or physically handicapped and who participate in a school program for the mentally or physically handicapped, may receive meals through the Summer Food Service Program. Participants receive 1-2 meals per day.

Family Assistance

Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)

https://www.mass.gov/economic-assistance-cash-benefits

TAFDC is for low income families with children that includes includes monthly cash payments, a yearly clothing allowance for each child, and payments for child care if the adult in the family is working or in an approved education and training program.

APPLICATION PROCESS
1. Check eligibility.
2. Find your local DTA office.

CONTACT
(877) 382-2363

LOCATION
DTA - Central Office
600 Washington St.
Boston, MA 02111

Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled, and Children (EAEDC)

https://www.mass.gov/economic-assistance-cash-benefits

EAEDC is a cash benefit for disabled adults, caretakers, and some children who are not able to get TAFDC.

APPLICATION PROCESS
3. Check eligibility.
4. Find your local DTA office.

CONTACT
(877) 382-2363

LOCATION
DTA - Central Office
600 Washington St.
Boston, MA 02111
Family Health Center of Worcester
http://www.fhcw.org/en/Home

Family Health Center of Worcester is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all residents in the Greater Worcester area, especially culturally diverse populations, by providing access to affordable, high quality, integrated, comprehensive, and respectful primary health care and social services, regardless of patients' ability to pay.

HEALTH SERVICES
- Primary Care
- Walk-in Center
- Dental Care
- Social Services
- Behavioral Health
- Pharmacy
- Breast Health Center
- Maternal and Child Health
- WIC
- HIV/AIDS Program
- Teen Health
- Vision Care

LOCATION
26 Queen Street
Worcester, MA 01610

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
(508) 860-7800
St. Anne’s Free Medical Program
https://www.worcesterfreeclinics.org/st-annes.html

St. Anne’s Free Medical Program provides high-quality free healthcare services to the underserved and uninsured individuals and families without adequate access to healthcare in the greater Worcester community.

HEALTH SERVICES
❖ NO Work Physicals
❖ School Physical Exams
❖ Sick Visits
❖ Immunizations
❖ Tuberculosis Testing
❖ Dermatologic Services -
❖ Pediatrician available once monthly
❖ Podiatric Services one monthly
❖ Health Insurance Help and Assistance

LOCATION
St. Anne’s Church
130 Boston Turnpike (Rt. 9)
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

CONTACT
worcesterfreeclinics@gmail.com

MassHealth
https://www.mass.gov/topics/masshealth

In Massachusetts, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are combined into one program called MassHealth. MassHealth members may be able to get doctors visits, prescription drugs, hospital stays, and many other important services.

APPLICATION PROCESS
1. Check eligibility.
2. Find your local MassHealth Enrollment Center.