

Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging (CMAA) is a private nonprofit organization chosen by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to provide services to the 128,500 elders and approximately 60,000 caregivers throughout the 61 communities in Central Massachusetts. We are responsible for planning, funding and monitoring programs under the Older Americans Act.

**SeniorConnection** is a **free comprehensive Information & Referral service** for seniors, caregivers and professionals. Skilled **Information Specialists** are prepared to answer questions regarding the thousands of programs and opportunities available to elders and their caregivers on a local, regional and national level.

Visit our website: [www.SeniorConnection.org](http://www.SeniorConnection.org) and its subsite **Connection for Caregivers** and explore the resources and supportive services: Guide to Elder Services, The Caregiver's Guide, facilitated chat rooms, classes, videos, and the Four Corner Articles. Submit online questions to our Information Specialists.

Seniors in Central Massachusetts have exciting possibilities for continuing education. This region has many higher education facilities, each with its own distinct advantages. These institutions offer credit and non-credit courses in a great many disciplines during day, evening and summer sessions. Enrollment procedures vary. For details call the institution directly.

**Expand your horizons by going back to school!**



### Who We Are

Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging is a private, non-profit organization established to identify and serve the needs of elders and caregivers in Central Massachusetts. Financial Support under the Older Americans Act provided by:

- Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs
- United States Administration on Aging

Other funding comes from:

- Private corporations
- Foundation
- Individual donors

### Our Service Area



### Join Our Team

Financial and volunteer contributions are always gratefully accepted. If you would like to help support our work with your time or with a tax-deductible contribution, please contact us at:

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# Senior Options for Higher Education



**SENIOR OPTIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. . . The following programs are available to seniors in Central Massachusetts.**

**ANNA MARIA COLLEGE**

50 Sunset Lane  
Paxton, MA 01612  
(508) 849-3400

[www.annamaria.edu](http://www.annamaria.edu)

Eligibility: Age 65 and over.

Cost: Free tuition. No registration fee. Fees apply for Labs and/or courses that require supplies. Academic credit courses. Both day and evening classes. Space available basis.

**ASSUMPTION COLLEGE**

The WISE Program  
500 Salisbury St.  
Worcester, MA 01609  
(508) 767-7513 (WISE office)

[www.assumption.edu](http://www.assumption.edu)

WISE (Worcester Institute for Senior Education)

Eligibility: Age 50 and over.

Cost: Membership fee \$120 per year, or \$70 per half year.

A non-credit Learning in Retirement Institute. Peer learning and active participation are key concepts. \$15 parking fee.

**ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE**

338 Main St. PO BOX 1000  
South Lancaster, MA 01561  
(978) 368-2235 or (800) 282-2030

[www.auc.edu](http://www.auc.edu)

Eligibility: Age 65 and over.

Cost: One free course per period of enrollment. Academic credit courses. Day and evening courses. Space available basis.

**CLARK UNIVERSITY**

950 Main St.  
Worcester, MA 01610  
(508) 793-7217

[www.copace.clarku.edu](http://www.copace.clarku.edu)

Eligibility: Age 60 and over.

Cost: One course per semester at a reduced tuition rate of \$100.00. Registration fee per semester is \$35.00. Academic credit, evening courses only. Space available basis.

**DEAN COLLEGE**

99 Main St.  
Franklin, MA 02038  
(508) 541-1624 or (877) 879-3326  
(Continuing Education Program)

[www.dean.edu](http://www.dean.edu)

Eligibility: Age 65 and over.

Cost: Free tuition. All registration and lab fees apply.

Both academic credit and non-credit (audit) courses. Day, evening and weekend classes. Space available basis.

**ELDERHOSTEL**

(877) 426-8056  
[www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org)

Eligibility: Age 55 and over.

Cost: Varies depending on course. An educational and travel organization that provides learning adventures locally and worldwide via in-depth lectures, field trips and cultural excursions. Scholarships available.



**FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE**

160 Pearl St.  
Fitchburg, MA 01420  
(978) 665-3706 (Adult Learning In The Fitchburg Area (ALFA) program)

[www.fsc.edu](http://www.fsc.edu)

Eligibility: Age 50 and over; MA resident.

Cost: One course only \$35. Four course "membership fee" \$60. "Members" can participate in additional programs. Classes are not for academic credit.

**MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

444 Green St.  
Gardner, MA 01440  
(Lifelong Learning and Workforce Development)  
(978)-630-9124

[www.mwcc.mass.edu](http://www.mwcc.mass.edu)

Eligibility: Age 60 and over; MA resident.

Cost: Free tuition and registration. Academic credit courses. Day and evening classes. Space available basis.

**LIFE (Lifelong Learning Institute for Enrichment)**

(978) 630-9176

Eligibility: Age 50 and over.

Cost: \$25 and up

Academic and recreational non-credit courses. Additional fees apply.

**QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

670 West Boylston St.  
Worcester, MA 01606  
(508) 854-4257 (Registrars office)

[www.qcc.edu](http://www.qcc.edu)

Eligibility: Age 60 and over.

Cost: Free tuition. Service fee of \$105.00 per course credit. Days and evening courses at main campus or Southbridge satellite campus. Space available basis.

**WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE**

486 Chandler St.  
Worcester, MA 01602  
(508) 929-8035 - day classes  
(508) 929-8127 - evening and summer classes

[www.worcester.edu](http://www.worcester.edu)

Eligibility: Age 60 and over; MA resident

Cost: Free tuition. No registration fee. Academic credit courses. Day and evening classes. \$20.00 Parking fee. \*\*Registration must be done in person.\*\*

**IUI (Intergenerational Urban Institute)**  
(508) 929-8900 (IUI office)

Eligibility: Age 60 and over; MA resident

Cost: Free tuition. No registration fee. Service learning courses where classroom instruction is coupled with opportunities to serve in the community.



***“Providing information to help seniors, and their caregivers, to help themselves.”***