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Career Vocational Technical Training and Lifelong Learning



# Welcome

Welcome to Worcester Public Schools' Night Life Continuing Education Division. Our programs provide lifelong learners with opportunities to develop hands-on skills for employment or just for the fun of it. Our instructors are professionals who work as artisans, business owners, educators, and masters of their trade. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they share their expertise teaching evening classes and technical workshops.

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MA Department of Public Health approved training provider  
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Occupational Safety and Health Administration approved training courses  
PTCB- Pharmacy Tech Certification Program

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# Career- Vocational Technical

## **Plumbing Code and Theory Instructors listed online**

Would you like to become a licensed plumber? In Massachusetts, a hopeful plumber begins a 5 year apprenticeship program to receive technical education and complete the required hours of on-the-job training under a licensed master plumber. Plumbers who have successfully completed their apprenticeship are known as journeymen.

To work independently, a plumber is required to receive a license. For each year in which an apprentice obtains 110 clock hours of education, that apprentice must accrue 1700 clock hours of qualifying work experience with some exceptions:

- An unlicensed individual may complete Tier 1 of the education requirement prior to obtaining an apprentice license.
- A licensed apprentice may complete Tier 1 and Tier 2 in a single calendar year  
In the event that an apprentice is enrolled in a tier but loses their employment, they shall be permitted to complete the tier they are enrolled in.
- Each of these 5 tiers consists of 110 classroom hours covering plumbing code and theory. The curriculum is based on current Code of Massachusetts Regulates (CMR). Students must be registered apprentices to take tiers 2-5. Students are required to bring a copy of the latest MA Plumbing and Gas Code Book to classes. After taking all 5 tiers while working as apprentices for 1700 clock hours per calendar year, students will be eligible to apply for the Massachusetts Journeyman Plumber exam administered by the Board of Examiners of Plumbers and Pipefitters.

### **Plumbing Tier 1 (110 hours)**

1. Lesson 1 (6 hours): Introduction to Plumbing
2. Lesson 2 (10 hours): Safety & Installation Practices
3. Lesson 3 (6 hours): Education & Experience Requirements 248 CMR 3.00 and 11.00
4. Lesson 4 (18 hours): Materials, Tools, & Joining Methods used in Plumbing
5. Lesson 5 (9 hours): Valves & Devices Used in Plumbing
6. Lesson 6 (15 hours): Residential Blueprint Reading
7. Lesson 7 (40 hours): Math
8. Lesson 8 (6 hours): Definition

### **Plumbing Tier 2 (110 hours)**

1. Lesson 1 (3 hours): Drainage
2. Lesson 2 (6 hours): Building Sanitary Waste & Venting System
3. Lesson 3 (3 hours): Allowable Materials & Approval Procedures
4. Lesson 4 (6 hours): Plumbing Traps
5. Lesson 5 (3 hours): Cleanouts
6. Lesson 6 (6 hours): Plumbing Code
7. Lesson 7 (12 hours): Portable Water Supply
8. Lesson 8 (32 hours): Math
9. Lesson 9 (24 Hours): Gas Fitting
10. Lesson 10 (9 hours): Blueprint Reading
11. Lesson 11 (6 hours): Definitions

### **Plumbing Tier 3 (110 hours)**

1. Lesson 1 (21 hours): Venting
2. Lesson 2 (18 hours): Drainage
3. Lesson 3 (18 hours): Water Supply
4. Lesson 4 (6 hours): Testing & Safety
5. Lesson 5 (9 hours): Storm Drains
6. Lesson 6 (16 hours): Gas Code
7. Lesson 7 (12 hours): Fixture Installation
8. Lesson 8 (10 hours): Definitions

### **Plumbing Tier 4 (110 hours)**

1. Lesson 1 (27 hours): Gas Code 2.
- Lesson 2 (6 hours): General Provisions
3. Lesson 3 (3 hours): Scope & Jurisdiction
4. Lesson 4 (24 hours): Drainage Piping
5. Lesson 5 (12 hours): Water Supply
6. Lesson 6 (12 hours): Fixture Installations
7. Lesson 7 (3 hours): Hospital Fixtures
8. Lesson 8 (3 hours): Manufactured Homes & Construction Trailers
9. Lesson 9 (3 hours): Public and Semi Public Swimming Pools
10. Lesson 10 (3 hours): Vacuum Drainage Systems
11. Lesson 11 (6 hours): Basic Principles
12. Lesson 12 (8 hours): Definitions

### **Plumbing Tier 5 (110 hours)**

1. Lesson 1 - 4 (95 hours): Plumbing & Gas Code Review
2. Lesson 5 (15 hours): Business Related Costs

## **Plumbing Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 4**

**Dates:** Mondays /Wednesdays September 4- December 18, 2024

**Time:** 5:30-9:30PM

## **Plumbing Tier 3 and Tier 5**

**Dates:** Tuesday /Thursday September 3- December 12, 2024

**Fee:** \$895.00 Per 110 hour Tier, 28 classes total

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

**There will be a \$32 fee when Tier 1 students take the required OSHA Training.**

**Electrical Code and Theory** Instructors listed Online

Would you like to become a licensed electrician?

According to the Massachusetts State Board of Electrical Examiners, before you take:

**The Journeyman licensing exam you must complete:**

- 8000 hours of employment (approximately 4 years) as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a holder of a MA Class B Journeyman's license
- 600 hours of classroom instruction (8 modules – approximately 75 hours each) in electrical code and theory from an approved school based on the current National Electrical Code; and before you take the Systems, and Design Testing.

**Systems Technician licensing exam you must complete:**

- 4000 hours of employment (approximately 2 years) as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a holder of a MA Class B Journeyman's license
- 300 hours of classroom instruction (4 modules – approximately 75 hours each) in electrical code and theory from an approved school based on the current National Electrical Code; There is no set order for the two requirements listed above. You may start working as an electrical apprentice first, start classes first, or do both concurrently.

**Course Outline – 600 hours (75 hours per module)**

**Electrical Level 1 (150 hours)**

**Module 1 (75 hours):** Jobsite and Electrical Safety, Introduction to the National Electrical Code and Process, DC/Alarm Theory, and Basic Math.

**Module 2 (75 hours):** Electrical Bonding and Grounding, Low Voltage Systems and Controls, Fire Warning and Security

**Electrical Level 2 (150 hours)**

**Module 3 (75 hours):** National Electrical Code application of DC Theory, Massachusetts Electrical Code and Amendments, and Wiring Methods.

**Module 4 (75 hours):** Fiber, Data and Communications Wiring and Systems, Massachusetts Laws and Regulations Pertaining to Electrical Wiring, and Conduct of Technicians and Apprentice Including Inspection Requirements.

**Electrical Level 3 (150 hours)**

**Module 5 (75 hours):** Electricians Math and Basic Electrical Formulas, Electrical Circuit, AC Theory, Raceway, Outlet boxes and conductor fill, and Conductor Selection and Over-Current Protection.

**Module 6 (75 hours):** Branch Circuit / Feeder/ Service Requirements, Branch Circuit/Feeder/ Service Calculations and Voltage Drops, Motors, Controls and Transformers Requirements, Use of Code book tables and examples, and Swimming Pools and Similar Installations.

**Electrical Level 4 (150 hours)**

**Module 7 (75 hours):** One Family Dwelling Calculations, Multi-family Dwelling Calculations, Commercial Load Calculations, and Use of Code book tables and examples.

**Module 8 (75 hours):** Motor Calculations, Transformer Calculations, Review of Board rules and Regulations, and Review of Massachusetts General Laws applicable to Electricians, General Review of all subjects covered.

Each of these 4 levels consists of 150 classroom hours split into 75-hour modules covering electrical code and theory. The curriculum is based on current Code of Massachusetts Regulates (CMR). Students are required to bring a copy of the latest MA Electrical Code Book to classes. After taking all levels and working as apprentices for 8000 clock hours in no less than 4 years before applying, students will be eligible to take the Massachusetts Journeyman Electrician exam administered by the Board of Examiners of Electricians.

**Level 1A (Mod 1), Level 2A (Mod 3) and Level 3A (Mod 5) and Level 4 A&B**

**Dates:** Mondays / Wednesdays September 4- December 4th

**Time:** 5:00pm- 8:00pm ;25 classes

**Level 1B (Mod 2), Level 2B (Mod 4) and Level 3B (Mod 6)( Mod 7 & 8)**

**Dates:** Tuesdays / Thursdays September 5- December 5

**Time:** 5:00pm-8:00pm, 25 classes

**Fee:** \$ 595.00 per 75 hour module

**Location:** Worcester Technical High school 1 Officer Manny Familia way

**All Levels will need to attend Orientation on Tuesday September 3rd**

**Diesel Technology Program (220 Hours)** *Instructor, David Tefft*

Technicians that specialize in Diesel Mechanics are in high demand. If you are looking for a good paying career or wish to improve your pay as a truck driver, this training program is for you. Learn Diesel Technology basics from a leader in the Diesel Technology industry. Meet industry representatives looking to recruit new employees. This class will help you build critical mechanic skills, gain Important certifications and connect with industry reps who are looking for workers. Contact the Night Life Coordinator 508-751-7612 or [sewardr@worcesterschools.net](mailto:sewardr@worcesterschools.net) for an application.

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**Welding Session 1** *Instructor Antonio Siciliano*

This hands-on course will teach you basic oxy-acetylene and shielded metal arc welding skills. Using state of the art equipment, class work will include joint design, melting points, types of filler metal and electrodes. Please purchase a passive welding helmet, MIG welding gloves, chipping hammer, and cutting safety glasses prior to the start of class. See online description for tool descriptions.

**Dates:** Mondays / Wednesdays September 30- October 28, 2024

**Time:** 6:00pm- 8:30pm ;8 classes, 20 hours

**Fee:**\$495 (includes welding materials tools purchased separately )

**Location:**Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

**Welding Session 2** *Instructor Antonio Siciliano*

This hands-on course will teach you basic oxy-acetylene and shielded metal arc welding skills. Using state of the art equipment, class work will include joint design, melting points, types of filler metal and electrodes. Please purchase a passive welding helmet, MIG welding gloves, chipping hammer, and cutting safety glasses prior to the start of class. See online description for tool descriptions

**Dates:** Mondays / Wednesdays November 4- December 2, 2024

**Time:** 6:00pm-8:30pm ; 8 classes, 20 hours

**Fee:**\$495 (includes welding materials tools purchased separately )

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way



### **Yamaha Introduction to Marine Technical Training**

This 80-hour course includes classroom learning and concentrated hands-on training. Taught by an experienced Yamaha instructor, students will learn basic diagnostic procedures, understand electrical systems, ignition systems, rigging, corrosion, propping and lots more. Class tuition cost is \$900.00 but \$450.00 is covered through a generous donation from the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association.

**Dates:** Check website for Dates

**Time:** Tuesdays / Thursdays 5:30PM- 9:30PM

**Fee:** \$ 450.00 (includes materials)

**Location:** Worcester Technical High school 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

## **Career - Medical**

### **Clinical Nurse Assistant Training Program** *Instructor Candance Zayka*

This 10-week CNA training program will provide classroom and clinical hands-on practice to work toward a state-recognized credential. Students will earn certificates for Nurse Aide, Home Health Aide, and CPR, in addition to taking the state certification exam for CNA. Graduates will be prepared to work in a variety of settings including hospitals, medical offices, and nursing homes.

Applicants must be:

- High level ESOL student (or English as a second language)
- 18+ years of age
- Authorized to work in the US
- Vaccinated against COVID-19 and current on immunizations
- Able to pass a background check and drug test

**Date:** October 7 , 2024 10 week program including a clinical

**Time:** Mondays-Thursdays 5:30-9:30pm

**Fee:** Grant Funded email [mcdc714@gmail.com](mailto:mcdc714@gmail.com) if interested

**Location:**Worcester Technical High School 1 Officier Manny Familia Way

### **Clinical Medical Assistant** *Instructor Demi Keefe*

A clinical medical assistant is a multi-skilled allied healthcare professional that specializes in procedures commonly performed in the ambulatory health care setting. Medical assistants perform both clinical and administrative duties and assist a variety of providers including physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants. This course will prepare you to take the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) exam accredited by the National Healthcareer Association. CPR First Aid Certification class provided Includes a 120 hour clinical rotation at the end of class.

**Date:** Tuesdays/ Wednesdays / Thursdays September 3- December 12, 2024

**Time:** 5:30pm-9:30pm; 43 classes

**Fee:** \$2,700 scholarships available contact [sewardr@worcesterschools.net](mailto:sewardr@worcesterschools.net)

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

### **Pharmacy Technician Program**

This course will provide you with the necessary knowledge and skills to pass the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam Licensure with the MA Board of Registration in Pharmacy is required after passing the exam. 80 hour clinical externship after completion of class.

**Date:** Tuesdays / Thursdays September 17- November 21,2024

**Time:** 6:00pm- 8:30pm; 20 classes, 50 hours

**Fee:** Contact [sewardr@worcesterschool.org](mailto:sewardr@worcesterschool.org)

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

## **Culinary Arts**

### **Healthy Cooking** *Instructor Emalinda Mora*

Learn healthy eating tips and how to prepare delicious healthy foods and learn new recipes from a certified Health Coach. This class is a Bilingual Class English and Spanish.

**Date:** Thursdays September 19 - October 24, 2024

**Time:** 6:00-8:30pm ; 6 classes, 15 hours

**Fee:** \$145

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

### **Italian Cooking** *Instructor Stephanie Watson*

Back by popular demand, these fun classes show you the how to's of delicious Italian cooking. Learn how to make some of the coveted family recipes of Dianna Biancheria. Each week you will create a different dish including meat and cheese calzones, homemade pasta dishes and more!

**Date:** Tuesdays September 17- October 22, 2024

**Time:** 6:00-9:00pm 6 classes, 18 hours

**Fee:** \$ 145

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

## Carpentry

### **Build A Sitting Bench** Instructor John Menard

Build a simple sitting bench Using a minimal tool list, students will learn how to build this sitting bench using techniques that will serve as a foundation for building high quality furniture that will last generations. Class is appropriate for all ranges of woodworking skills.

**Date:** Thursdays September 19 - November 7, 2024

**Time:** 6:00pm- 9:00pm; 8 classes, 18 hours

**Fee:** \$165 (plus Cost of materials about \$125)

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

### **Home Improvements** Instructor Anthony McGeorge

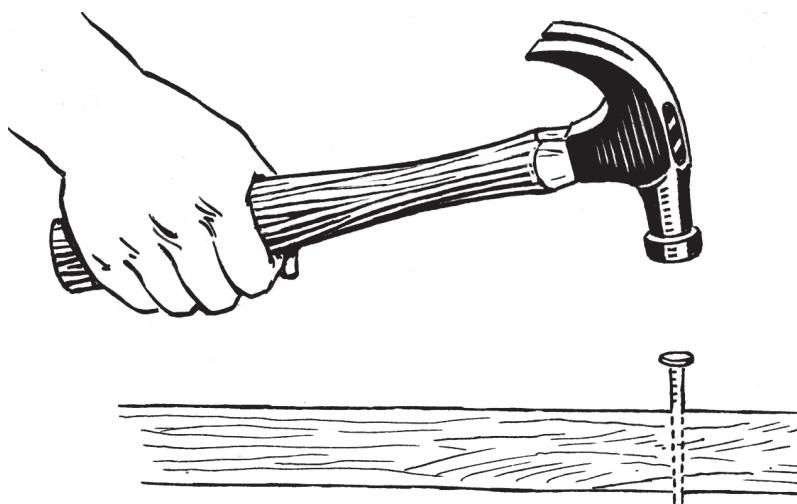
Here is your chance to learn many home improvement skills. You will learn basic home repair skills. These will include but not be limited to drywall hole repairs, tile prep installation, trim work cutting and material information, vinyl siding basic installation, install or fix switches, outlets, fans, and lights. Replace a faucet or repair washers, learn to solder copper tubing, fix leaking pipes, fix window & door screens, repair broken or missing ceramic tiles, repair hardwood floors, repair and replace decks and downspouts; properly measure doors and windows for replacement orders. You can DIY (Do It Yourself) with a little guidance and know how!

**Date:** Tuesdays September 17- November 5, 2024

**Time:** 6:00pm- 8:30pm 8 classes, 20 hours

**Fee:** \$165

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way



## Art & Hobbies

### **Sea Glass Tree** Instructor *Lisa A. Young*

Create a beautiful Sea Glass Tree. This tree will be 10 – 13 inches tall. Choose from a variety of colors. Use as year-round decor or embellish and use as a holiday treasure. Great for yourself, or to give as gift. Embellishments to include starfish, pearls and shells. Bring your own items to add if you like. All materials are included. See photos at [Coastalcraftworkshop.com](http://Coastalcraftworkshop.com)

**Date:** Tuesday October 8, 2024

**Time:** 6:00-8:00PM 1 Class, 2 hours

**Fee:** \$69 Includes materials

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

### **Sea Glass Window Workshop** Instructor *Lisa A. Young*

Bring a friend to this fun one class workshop! Use shells, starfish, urchins, sand dollars, stones, glass and other goodies to make a wood framed 8x10" art piece . All materials are included. See photos at [Coastalcraftworkshop.com](http://Coastalcraftworkshop.com)

**Date:** Tuesday December 10, 2024

**Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm 1 Class ,2 hours

**Fee:** \$ 69 Includes materials

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

### **Introduction to Gardening- (Per Season)**

This class empowers new gardeners to try different methods of growing . Instructor will explain and define garding and botanical terminology. He will share his techniques for successful growing.

**Date :** Thursday September 26, October 24, November 21, December 19, 2024

**Time:** 6:00-8:00pm

**Fee:** \$30 per class or \$150 for all classes

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

**Crochet-** *Instructor Maria Rios*

Learn several basic crochet stitches; how to read a simple pattern and complete a project with this class! Our instructor has years of experience teaching new students how to crochet! The instructor will provide you with a pattern for class.

**Date:** Tuesdays September 24-October 29, 2024

**Time:** 6pm-8pm; 6 classes , 12 hours

**Fee:** \$95

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

**Antique Trunk Restoration** *Instructor Rick Torres*

Learn how to buy less than perfect antique trunks and restore them into gorgeous heirlooms. Our instructor has over 30 years of experience buying, refurbishing and re-selling antique trunks. He will show you what to look for in a trunk purchase, and give you the opportunity for hands-on restoration practices. Bring a trunk to class to work on or purchase a trunk from the instructor. No prior experience is necessary, please don't wear your favourite clothes, it could get messy! For full description please visit [worcesternightlife.org](http://worcesternightlife.org)

**Date:** Wednesdays October 16, 23, 30 November 6, 2024

**Time:** 5:00pm-8:00pm 4 classes ,12 hours

**Fee:** \$145 Includes all materials except trunk

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way



**Flower Arranging Basics** *Instructor Francoise Hsu*

Learn to create your own creative flower arrangements using fresh flowers and natural items found outside. In this class we learn how to create artistic arrangements for all seasons, using floral technique tips from an artisan flower arranger.

**Date:** Wednesdays September 18- October 23 ,2024

**Time:** 6:00-8:30pm 6 classes, 15 hours

**Fee:** \$135

**Location:** Worcester Technical High 1 Officer Manny Famillia Way

**Knitting for Absolute Beginners-** *Instructor Amy Novins*

You will learn how to start (cast on) and end (bind off) and then everything you need to know about basic knitting. All Materials provided.

**Date:** Thursdays September 19 to October 10, 2024

**Time:** 6:30pm- 8:30pm 4 classes, 8 hours

**Fee:**\$85

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

**Knitting at your own Pace-** *Instructor Amy Novins*

At your own pace you will learn the knit and purl stitches, how to start (cast on), end (bind off), and finish a project (weaving in ends). Once you build confidence, reading patterns, recognizing, and fixing mistakes, the world of knitting is open to you. You will begin by creating two simple washcloths. Materials provided. If time permits, there will be several other washcloth designs to choose from to advance to the next level.

**Date:** Wednesdays September 18- October 9, 2024

**Time:** 6:30pm- 8:30PM ; 4 classes ,8 hours

**Fee:**\$ 85

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

**Wreath Making - Instructor Patrick Harvey & Mary Vigliotti**

Learn how to make and take home two different style winter themed wreaths in one class. Certified florists and Etsy shop owners- Patrick and Mary have years of artistic experience designing professional wreaths. They will show you the secrets of creating eye popping floral designed grapevine wreaths that can be changed out for the seasons along with a winter wonderland themed wreath using the growing popular material - deco mesh! we provide the wreath forms, greenery, deco mesh and ribbons to help you make two beautiful wreaths.

**Date:** Wednesday December 11, 2024

**Time:** 5:00pm- 8:00PM 1 Class

**Fee:** \$55+ material fee of \$50 to be brought to class

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Familia Way

## Languages

**Conversational Spanish I & II**

Conversational Spanish I will provide you with a general introduction to the Spanish language. Conversational Spanish II will build off of what has been learned to improve conversational capacity. The primary objective of this course is to give you the ability to carry on a simple conversation.

Emphasis will be on listening, speaking, reading and some writing. You will learn a basic understanding of the Spanish culture, vocabulary and grammatical concepts. No Spanish experience required!

**Date:** Level I Tuesdays / Thursdays September 10 to October 3, 2024

Level II Tuesdays / Thursdays October 10- November 7 ,2024

(No class on October 31)

**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm 8 classes, 16 hours

**Fee:** \$145

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

## Fitness and Sports

### **"Get up Off your Glutes"** Instructor Lee Ann Cipro

Lee Ann has been in the Fitness Industry for over 25yrs. and she has put together a fun, enjoyable and exciting Workshop that gives you all the basic fitness and nutrition information that's so easy to use in daily life, but that's not all, you will also be introduced to OXYGEN AEROBICS!

**Date:** Wednesday October 16 2024 1 class

**Time:** 7:00-8:00 pm

**Fee:** \$20

**Location:** Worcester Technical High school 1 Officer Manny Familia way

### **Oxygen Aerobics** Instructor Lee Ann Cipro

Certified Personal Trainer/Fitness Counselor is the owner/creator of Oxygen Aerobics and has taught through Night Life in the past. She is a graduate of the UMass Medical School Center for Mindfulness MBSR program.

**Date:** Wednesdays September 18- November 6 ,2024

**Time:** 5:30pm- 6:30pm ; 8 classes , 8 hours

**Fee:** \$85

**Location :** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Familia Way

### **Golf** Instructor Jim Fenner

Beginner – Learn the proper fundamentals of golf. You will learn correct grip, stance, and posture. Other topics covered include full swing, chipping, and putting. Students must purchase golf balls at Cyprian Keyes - use our clubs or bring your own! Proper dress is required.

**Dates:** Week of September 10th- October 17, 2024

**Times:** Tuesday , Wednesday or Thursday 5:30-6:30PM

**Fee:** \$145 6 classes, 6 hours

**Location:** Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, Boylston MA

### **Tai Chi** Instructor Karim Saunders

Learn the benefits of the relaxing movements of Tai Chi from this world renown Tai Chi master. Our one-hour class is perfect for beginners or experienced Tai Chi Students since it is paced to fit your abilities. Begin your journey of health and well being through the ancient art form of Tai Chi.

**Date:** Wednesdays September 11th- October 30, 2024

**Time:** 6:00-7:00 pm 8 classes , 8 hours

**Fee:** \$145

**Location:** Worcester Technical High school 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

# Music

## **Beginner Guitar** *Instructor Dave Santospago*

Learn the basics of guitar playing: how to hold the guitar, how to hold your fingers on a guitar, play basic guitar chords, read guitar tablature, and learn how to strum. You will be able to strum a tune after taking this class.

**Date:** Wednesdays September 11-November 13, 2024

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm 10 classes, 20 hours

**Fee:** \$150

**Location:** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

## **Intermediate Guitar** *Instructor Dave Santospago*

Dave Santospago, our intermediate guitar instructor, has been playing guitar and performing in the Boston area for 30 years and has been teaching guitar students for 20 years. He focuses on meeting students where they are and providing a safe place for students to develop musicianship and experience the joy of group performance.

**Dates:** Tuesdays September 10- November 12, 2024

**Times:** 7:00pm-9:00pm 10 classes, 20 hours

**Fee:** \$150

**Location :** Worcester Technical High School 1 Officer Manny Familia Way

## **Instant Piano-** *Instructor Craig Coffman*

Learn piano the way professionals do using basic chords. This online course is taught live for one session where you will learn to play scales and read tabs. Basic chord familiarity is helpful. Class includes an online book and follow-up videos where you will be able to continue to practice and study at your own pace. Instructor Craig Coffman's unique class has taught hundreds of people to play and enjoy piano.

**Date:** Once Registered Link will be provided

**Time:** Once Registered link will be provided

**Fee:** \$59

**Location:** Online



**Instant Guitar-** *Instructor Craig Coffman*

Learn guitar easily with this online course. The first class is taught live and you will learn enough guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment. Class includes an online book and follow-up videos who you will be able to continue to practice and study at your own pace. Instructor Craig Coffman's unique class has taught hundreds of people to play and enjoy guitar!

**Date:** Once Registered Link will be provided

**Time:** ONCE REGISTERED LINK WILL BE PROVIDED

**Fee:** \$ 59

**Location:** online

Visit Our website [WorcesterNightLife.org](http://WorcesterNightLife.org) to register for classes

# Frequently Asked Questions & Policies

**First Night of Class:** Please report to the main office at the school to find out in which room your class is scheduled to meet.

**Parking:** Parking for students is provided in designated parking areas. The parking lots are well maintained and lit. Please do not park in front of shop doors or in the circular driveway.

**Smoke-Free School:** Worcester Public Schools are smoke free. This includes use of all tobacco products in school buildings and on school grounds.

**Tuition:** Must be paid in full at time of registration. Payment may be made by check, money order, MasterCard or Visa. Night Life reserves the right to cancel classes with insufficient enrollment and to make changes in instructors or class schedules due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Books & Supplies:** If a textbook is required for a class, the text information can be found on our web page in the course description.

**Class Cancellations & Snow Policy:** Occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, a scheduled class must be cancelled. Cancelled classes are made up (same day of the week and time) by extending the finish date of the course, unless other arrangements are made between the instructor and the class. When day school is cancelled due to snow conditions or other weather or emergency events, evening classes are also cancelled. In the event day classes are not cancelled, the weather worsens and a decision to cancel evening classes is made, it will be posted on the Worcester Night Life website by 4 pm.

**Nondiscrimination Policy:** Night Life welcomes and admits students of any race, color, religion, handicap, national and ethnic origin and extends all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded and made available to Continuing Education students. Children under the age of eighteen are permitted to register only with the express consent of the instructor.

**Certificates and Course Credit:** Unless otherwise specified, all Night Life courses are non-college credit. Colleges and universities may upon their own discretion issue proficiency credit for course work taken through Night Life. Certificates of proficiency and completion are issued to students enrolled in career training and professional development courses upon successful completion of a course or program.

**Withdrawals/Refund Policy:** If we cancel a course due to insufficient enrollment or if a course is filled when we receive your payment, you will be given a full refund. If you withdraw from a course at least 72 hours before the start date, you will receive a full tuition refund. Withdrawal less than 72 hours before first class, 100% credit memo. Withdrawal after the first class meets and before the second class meets: 75% credit memo only. No credit memos will be issued after the second class is held.

## **Financial Aid:**

**Employers** – Funds for up to 50% of the actual cost of training are available for MA businesses with 100 or fewer employees. Approved businesses are limited to \$30,000 per company per calendar year and \$3,000 per employee per course. For more information, visit [workforcetrainingfund.org/apply/express-program](http://workforcetrainingfund.org/apply/express-program).

**Worcester Residents** – For Worcester Jobs Fund aid availability, please contact Arianna Drummy at (508) 373-7641.

**Veterans** – GI Bill® benefits are available for some of our training programs.

- Delayed VA Payments - Under S2248 PL 115-407 Section 103, Worcester Technical High School will not impose a late fee, denial of access to facilities, or other penalty against a veteran or eligible dependent due to a late payment of tuition and/or fees from the VA up to the certified benefits amount. Any portion of the student bill not covered by VA benefits is still expected to be settled by the due date.
- Prior Credit – Worcester Technical High School maintains written records of previous education and training of the veteran or eligible person and indicates appropriate credit has been given for previous education and training.

*GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at The official U.S. government web site at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.*

### **Enrollment Dates and Entrance Requirements**

Worcester Technical night school programs run on an academic calendar year by semester meaning classes start in September and end in June. Due to inclement weather, Worcester Technical may be closed when school is in session. If this is the case, make-up classes may result in the program ending later than the last scheduled day in June. When a student registers for their evening program, they need to complete the attached enrollment agreement identifying that they are aware of their enrollment and expectations.

To receive educational VA benefits, students must:

1. Be matriculated into an approved certificate program;
2. Apply for Veterans Education Benefits at [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov)
3. Submit a Certificate of Eligibility to the school's VA Certifying Official: Ruth Seward, Worcester Technical High School, 1 Officer Manny Familia Way Worcester, MA 01605.  
Note: Once the VA has processed and approved the application, the student will receive a Certificate of Eligibility from their office. The Certificate of Eligibility will allow us to verify the student's enrollment to the VA.

### **Physical Facilities**

Worcester Technical High School is located at  
1 Officer Manny Familia Way , Worcester, MA 01605.

The school contains general purpose classrooms, clinical laboratories, shop classrooms and administrative offices. Labs and shops are furnished with modern equipment representative of industry standards. Worcester Tech facilities and equipment fully comply with all federal, state, and local ordinances and regulations, including requirements pertaining to fire safety, building safety, and handicapped accessibility.

### **Anti-Discrimination Law**

Worcester Technical High School is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Educational Institution and does not discriminate regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, age, handicap (disability), genetics, military service, mental illness, sexual harassment or sexual orientation as required by Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments and Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Comments made in jest which may insult others. Therefore, in order to provide a bias-free atmosphere in our school, racial slurs, ethnic jokes, religious bigotry, and detrimental statements or comments concerning race, marital status, sexual orientation, color, gender, age, religion, gender identity, national origin, or disability are prohibited.

### **Progress Policy**

You must make satisfactory progress toward completion of the program in which you are enrolled to continue receiving veterans' benefits. Satisfactory progress is the ongoing demonstration that you are completing training at a rate that will allow you to graduate with the approved length of the program. Progress will be monitored by your instructors and will be verified by the school's VA Certifying Official.

The VA will only pay for standard hours in the approved program of study. In order for you to complete your training within the standard time, your progress must be measured at a level in keeping with school policy. If your progress is not satisfactory in any school measured portion of the program, you will be notified to such and placed on probation for 30 days, at which time your progress will again be evaluated. If satisfactory improvement is not made by the end of this probationary period, your benefits will be terminated. You may, however, be able to continue your training in accordance with school policy.

***Note: Once you have completed the standard hours in this program, your benefits will cease. This is true regardless of your remaining educational benefit entitlement.***

Students enrolled in Worcester Technical night school programs are graded based on attendance and participation in the course. Occasional quizzes and exams may be administered to assess learning but overall success in the course is dependent upon students attending the scheduled classes in their program.

At the 50% benchmark of their enrollment period, students must maintain a minimum academic Grade Point Average of 70% "C" or better to be considered making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). If it is determined that a student is not achieving the minimum standard of academic performance, that student shall be placed on Unsatisfactory Academic Warning Status.

The length of the Unsatisfactory Academic Warning Status shall remain in effect until the next Satisfactory Progress evaluation (100% benchmark) is measured. When the next Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) evaluation is measured at the 100% completion benchmark, if it is determined that the student is still not achieving the minimum standard of academic performance required by way of a Grade Point Average, he/she shall be placed on Unsatisfactory Academic Probation Status.

When a student has failed to maintain the prescribed standards of progress, the VA will be notified and any benefit payments will be discontinued in accordance with the law. When a student's benefits have been discontinued, the student has three (3) days to appeal the action to the Executive Director in writing. If the appeal is upheld, VA benefits will be reinstated. If the student fails to appeal the action, or the appeal is denied, the student's VA benefits will remain discontinued.

Worcester Technical High School maintains progress records show the courses taken each term and the grade assigned at the end of the term. These records are furnished to the student upon request.

#### **Student Conduct and Conditions for Dismissal**

Disruptions and unprofessional behavior which may result in expulsion from class and forfeiture of payment include, but are not limited to:

1. Physical or verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion, and/or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person
2. Attempted or actual theft of and/or damage to personal or public property
3. Violation of federal, state, or local law on premises, including but not limited to the following:
  - a) Intoxication, use, possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages, narcotics or other controlled substances
  - b) Illegal or unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals
  - c) Use of a tobacco product within the school buildings or facilities or on the grounds of a public or private primary or secondary school.

### **Attendance, Leaves of Absence and Make-Up Work**

Good attendance is critical to successful completion of the program. You must maintain at least a 90% attendance rate to continue receiving VA benefits. If you miss more than 10% of your time in a given period or term, you will be placed on probation for the following period/term. If you miss more than 10% during the probationary period, your VA educational benefits will be terminated.

You may be re-certified for VA educational benefits after consulting with the school's VA Certifying Official, once the cause for unsatisfactory progress has been removed, attendance becomes satisfactory, and it is determined that the program is suitable for your aptitude, interests, and abilities. Official school holidays or breaks are not considered days of absence, but tardiness or class-cuts may accumulate to constitute 10% in accordance with school policy.

Students receiving VA educational benefits may take a school approved Leave of Absence, but this will interrupt VA educational benefits during the leave. The leave of absence will be reported to the VA as a termination. When you return from the leave, the school may again certify you for VA educational benefits, giving you credit for all hours completed prior to the leave.

In all licensing and certification classes, teachers are responsible for tracking student attendance. All students are expected to be on time and attend each class to receive the total course hours per semester. Each student is allowed 2 classes of make-up due to absence. Make-up work will be assigned by the teacher and must be completed by the assigned time. Once a semester is completed, no make-up work will be accepted for that semester. Make-up hours may only be given for the current semester. If the day school is cancelled for inclement weather or any reason, evening classes will be cancelled as well. The classes will be made up.

### **Available Resources**

Vocational instructors are typically very well connected within the field/industry. These instructors are encouraged to communicate with students about finding employment. If you make a special request to be connected with employment opportunities, the Worcester Tech Night School Team will do their best to assist you with finding employment.

### **Program Completion**

Your VA educational benefits expire on the earliest of either the date you reach the total hours approved for your program, or on the date you complete or terminate your enrollment in the program. When you complete your program, please notify the school's VA Certifying Official as soon as possible so that the VA can be informed within 30 days.

#### ***Requirement Eligibility for Program Completion and Graduation***

1. Completion of the required number of clock hours. Students must adhere to the attendance policy to fulfill program requirements.
2. Students must meet all obligations to the program.
3. Satisfaction of all financial obligations to the Worcester School District and participating agencies.
4. Meet all other program requirements.

### **Satisfactory Academic Policy (SAP)**

**Satisfactory Academic Policy is defined as:**

- Maintaining the required minimum grade for each course
- Students must pass all courses in each semester/term in order to continue in a program. Students who do not pass all courses will be withdrawn from the program.
- Students must maintain 95% attendance as defined by the attendance policy
- Students are evaluated at the mid-point and conclusion of each semester/term
- All program requirements must be completed within a maximum time frame of 2 times program length

Program	Total Clock Hours	Minimum Grade for each course
Electricity	600	70 %
Plumbing	550	70 %

### **Attendance Warning**

If a student fails to meet the cumulative 95% attendance criteria at any point during the program, he or she will receive a written warning as specified in the Attendance Policy. During the warning period, students remain eligible for Financial Aid. Failure to correct the problem beyond the second warning period will result in the loss of eligibility for any additional financial aid and termination from the program.

### **Academic Warning**

At the midpoint of each course, a student who fails to meet the minimum standard will receive formal notification. During the warning period, students remain eligible for Financial Aid. Students who do not meet specific program academic requirements by the end of a semester/term will be terminated from the program.

## **Appeal Process**

### ***Informal Appeal Process***

Resolution of student's concerns should be attempted between the student, instructor, staff member, or administration. If this cannot be resolved to a mutual satisfaction, or if the concerns are of a more serious nature, then the Formal Appeal process may be initiated.

### ***Formal Appeal Process***

The Director of Adult Career Technical Education will deal with all issues. The student will meet with the Director to present her/his information on the issue. The Director will conduct an investigation and will issue a decision. The student has the right to request a meeting with the Superintendent to further discuss the issue if the situation has not been resolved. The decision of the Superintendent will be final.

### ***Reinstatement of Financial Aid***

A student's Title IV aid eligibility will be reinstated if the student prevails upon appeal, or regains satisfactory academic progress status by meeting the qualitative and quantitative requirements.

\*Pending Policy Approval

### ***Calculating the Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)***

1. Multiply the grade points (GP) by clock hours for each subject grade.

2. Divide the sum of the grade points (GP) by the sum of clock hours.

Grade	GPA		Clock Hours	Total GPA
A		X	110	440
B+	3.3	X	110	70%
Plumbing	550			70%

## **Final Examinations**

Any student unable to be present for a final exam must notify the instructor and be prepared to take the exam immediately upon return. Requirements may vary with specific programs. Point penalty may vary with specific programs.

## **Honor students**

Honor students will be listed at graduation and will be noted on the transcript.

Honors 3.30 to 3.59 GPA

High Honors 3.60 to 4.00 GPA

## **Incomplete Grade**

All incomplete work must be completed within one week of the close of the course, unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructors.

### **Attendance Policy**

Attending every class and scheduled meeting is critical to your success. The student is responsible to make the necessary personal arrangements that will enable him or her to attend class and schedule time for study.

#### **Absences/Tardiness/Dismissals**

1. A student who misses ten (10) school hours in a semester will be issued a written warning with a copy forwarded to the STI Director.
2. A student who misses twenty-five (25) school hours in a semester will meet with the STI Director and Program Director. The STI Director will place the student on written probation with the understanding that if the student misses a total of five (5) more school hours the student will be dismissed from the program for excessive absences greater than 5% of the semester hours.
3. A student who misses thirty (30) school hours in a semester will meet with the STI Director. The STI Director will dismiss the student from the program with a written program dismissal for excessive absences greater than 5% of the semester program hours.

#### **Exenuating Circumstances**

Students who miss time due to a death in the family, hospitalization, or an extended or chronic health issue, have an opportunity to request consideration due to extenuating circumstances. A determination will be made by the STI Director on a case by case basis. The decision of the STI Director is final. Students must be aware that any absence interferes with their ability to successfully meet program requirements and outcomes.

#### **Clinical/Externship/Lab Absence**

All clinical/externship/lab absences require makeup. However, hours absent may remain as missed time. Students who are not present during clinical/externship/lab must meet with the Program Director/lead teacher. Mandatory makeup requirements to meet missed expectations may be in a variety of modalities. Students may be responsible for an associated fee related to clinical/externship/lab makeup. See individual program handbook.

#### **Tardiness and Dismissal**

Tardiness is defined as entering the classroom or clinical area after attendance has been taken. A student with a pattern of tardiness will receive a written warning. Students who are tardy from school in the morning, from break, or from lunch, will not be allowed to enter class until the next regularly scheduled break. The student's attendance will be affected accordingly.

Dismissal is defined as leaving the classroom or clinical area before the class or clinical day is completed. A student with a pattern of dismissals will receive a written warning. Any student who is being dismissed from school before the end of the schedule school time must sign out in the STI office before leaving.

Students who arrive late or leave early from any period must sign in/out on the clipboard in the STI Office. Students will be charged 1 full hour increments for any fraction of an hour for tardiness or dismissal during class or lab time.

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## Worcester Public Schools Calendar 2024-2025

AUGUST 2024							SEPTEMBER 2024							OCTOBER 2024						
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No School Days														Dates to Remember						
September 2: Labor Day							January 20: Martin Luther King Day							August 22 – 23: Teacher / Staff Reporting						
October 14: Indigenous People's Day / Columbus Day							February 17: Presidents' Day							August 26: First Day of School						
November 5: Staff Development Day							February 18 – 21: Winter Vacation							August 29: First Day for PreK & K						
November 11: Veterans' Day							March 4: Staff Development Day							November 1: End of Quarter 1						
November 27 – 29: Thanksgiving							April 18: Non-School Day							January 17: End of Quarter 2						
December 23 – 31: Holiday Vacation							April 21: Patriots' Day							April 4: End of Quarter 3						
January 1: New Year's Day							April 22 – 25: Spring Vacation							May 29: Last day of School for Seniors						
January 2 – 3: Non-School Day							May 26: Memorial Day							June 16: End of Quarter 4 / Last day of School						

■ = DAYS WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION FOR STUDENTS

\*Last day of school may change in response to the number of snow days used during the school year.

**Religious Holidays:** Be cognizant of the variety religious holidays when planning events

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