



“Four-Year” Colleges in Massachusetts with Transition/Bridge/Supportive college programs (BDEA friendly ... Google them and take a look)

1. **Franklin Cummings Tech (formerly BFIT).** <https://franklincummings.edu/>
Associate's degree programs, Certificate programs, Bachelor's programs. Technology focus and hands-on training for employment. 500 students. Supportive advisors. Helpful to students with disabilities.
2. **Boston College. Messina College.** <https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/messina-college.html>
This is an associate's degree program from first-generation students and preparation to transfer to Boston College for a bachelor's degree.
50-60 students accepted each year. Generous financial aid.
3. **Brandeis University Transition Year Program (TYP).** One-year residential transitional program provides academic and social support for students with strong potential and prepares them for the rigor of Brandeis. 20 students accepted each year. Generous financial aid.
4. **Endicott College Boston.** Offers Associate and Bachelor degree programs, English language learning, and flexible class schedules. Small classes at downtown setting. Special support program for college students with children (Jeremiah Program). Affordable with Pell grant (slightly more expensive than community college)
5. **Fitchburg State University.**
 - *Summer Bridge Program* provides educational and developmental opportunities for prospective Fitchburg State freshmen who did not meet the university's minimum standards for admissions, but who have demonstrated the potential to succeed in college. Admission the university is contingent upon the successful completion of the Summer Bridge Program.
 - *The Institute* is a collaborative program sponsored by Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) and Fitchburg State University to serve the needs of a select group of students who demonstrate the potential to succeed at a four-year university but who currently do not meet the freshman admission standards set by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. The Institute provides the opportunity to students to begin their college course work at MWCC while living on the Fitchburg State University campus.
6. **Hampshire College.** The *James Baldwin Scholars Program* provides scholarships to talented students from underserved communities who would benefit from a transition year before college in which to improve general academic skills and prepare for the rigor of college studies. Baldwin Scholars receive a scholarship that fully meets the cost of attendance, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, housing, and meals. Approximately 8 students per year.
7. **Lesley University. Urban Scholars Initiative (USI)** provides scholarships and academic and social support for students who show academic potential. Applicants must have participated in a qualified community-based program (Bottom Line, Let's Get Ready, Steppingstone, HERC, etc.). Recommended to apply by the early-action deadline - usually Dec 1st. (Lesley and the Art Institute have combined.)
8. **Northeastern University.**

Foundation Year. One-year (freshman year) rigorous college-preparatory program. August through June. Excellent financial aid (often full aid). No SAT's required.

Torch Scholars Program awards full-tuition scholarships to students who have overcome exceptional odds and demonstrated the potential for academic excellence. The program includes a Summer

Immersion Program prior to freshman year. Torch Scholars receive full tuition, fees, and room and board as well as significant personal and academic support. Students must be nominated by professional who has knowledge of their achievements and character, such as a guidance counselor, teacher, mentor, clergy, community worker, etc.

9. **Salem State University.** *Summer Bridge Academy* for students with academic potential and commitment to college. There is a cost to students for this program. Successful completion means that students can enter SSU in the fall.
10. **UMass-Boston.** *Directions for Student Potential.* DSP is for motivated people who do not currently meet the admission requirements for the University but who demonstrate the potential to succeed at the college level. This is a comprehensive six-week summer program (free of charge) that prepares students for academic success at the University by helping them to improve their Verbal, Math, and English as a Second Language Skills. Successful completion means that students can enter UMass in the fall.

Transitions Program. This one-year program is designed for students who demonstrate they have the potential to flourish at UMass Boston with small classes and ongoing, one-on-one academic advising. *This is an invite-only program, open to just 50 students.*

11. **UMass Dartmouth.** *College Now/START.* The College Now/START program helps students who need a non-traditional route into college--students who are able to do college work, but for various reasons, feel they aren't "college material." Through counseling, instruction, and individualized attention, the program supports students with the transition and continues while students are at UMass Dartmouth.
12. **Westfield State University.** *Urban Education Program.* Summer bridge program (at no cost) for students with academic potential and commitment to college. Successful completion means that students can enter Westfield State in the fall. Support continues through college.

Does this mean that you cannot apply to other colleges? Absolutely not! BDEA graduates have attended many colleges both in Massachusetts and out-of-state. However, the above colleges have been particularly supportive to BDEA grads.