

**Program****VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY TECHNOLOGY**

- *Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)*
- This program is offered to students at Forsyth Tech through an instructional service agreement with Surry Community College
- **Day Program:** 5 semesters, including 1 summer term
- **Evening Program:** 5 semesters, including 1 summer term
- **Admission Cycle:** Every semester
- **Maximum Number Admitted Annually:** Open

Career Description

Viticulture is grape growing. It is a very specialized form of agriculture and involves the practical application of scientific principles to growing a successful crop. Enology is wine making. Professionals in this field turn grapes into wine using modern technology to complete an age-old process.

Careers Available

The Viticulture & Enology curriculum is designed to prepare individuals for various careers in the grape-growing and wine-making industry. These jobs include vineyard supervisor/owner, grape co-operative manager, winery supervisor/owner, and retail sales associate.

Entry-Level Salary

\$21,000 - \$30,000/yr.

Course of Study

Classroom instruction, laboratory and field applications of viticulture/enological principles and practices are included in the program of study. Course work includes Vineyard Operations, Winery Operations, Grapevine Pests and Diseases, Wine Production and Analysis, and Small Business Management. Graduates will also be prepared to take the North Carolina Pesticide Applicator's Examination and the North Carolina Certified Plant Professional Examination.

Recommended Courses and Skills

Chemistry and Algebra II.

Helpful Personal Attributes

An interest in plants, their care and use, good communication skills, willingness to do manual labor and a willingness to learn to operate mechanical equipment.

Program Contact

If you would like additional information about the Horticulture Technology Program, contact Roger Richardson, Horticulture Program Coordinator, at (336) 734-7404 or richardson@forsythtech.edu.

How To Get Started

You may pick up an application at the Admissions Office, 123 Allman Center on the Forsyth Tech Main Campus, 2100 Silas Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem. You may also request an application by calling (336) 734-7253, or you may apply online at www.ForsythTech.edu.