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Cardiovascular Sonography (Associates)

<http://www.forsythtech.edu/courses/credit-track/healthcare/cardiovascular-sonography-cvs>

Fall 2014 Deadline: March 27, 2014

*****Admissions Information*****

The Cardiovascular Sonography Associates is a selective enrollment program beginning each fall. This program is designed for students who do **not** have an A.A.S. degree in a health field or a bachelor's degree in any other field. Resources such as clinical facilities and faculty, as well as approval standards, limit the number of applicants accepted to the program to **4 students** for the fall. Cardiovascular Sonography is a two-year, associate degree program and all applicants must meet minimum requirements to be considered for admission. **Please note, however, that meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.**

When applicants have completed all of the minimum requirements, they must meet with an Admissions Counselor for a Cardiovascular Sonography Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR) Review. This must be completed by the deadline date stated above. Qualified applicants will be ranked based on criteria listed in this packet. Applicants not admitted to the program must reapply, complete a new health information session and complete a new MAR Review if they wish to be considered for the following year's class.

PHASE I: APPLICATION PROCESS

The following steps must be completed by March 27, 2014 for the fall 2014 program.

- ____ 1. Complete the Forsyth Tech application.
- ____ 2. **Complete the online information session tutorial and return the electronic signature form.** This form can be returned to the Admissions Office via email, fax, mail, or hand delivery. If you prefer, you may choose to attend an in-person information session instead of completing the online tutorial. These sessions are conducted on a monthly basis on Forsyth Tech's Main Campus in Winston-Salem, NC.
- ____ 3. Complete placement testing if required by the Admissions Office.
- ____ 4. Have an official high school transcript or GED scores mailed to the Admissions Office.
- ____ 5. Have official transcripts from all colleges or schools attended since high school sent to the Admissions Office. We strongly recommend that official college transcripts be received **and** evaluated before a MAR is conducted. Evaluation of transcripts typically takes 5-7 business days to complete once transcripts have been received. Please plan accordingly.

(Official transcripts must have the school seal or original signature and be in a sealed unopened envelope.)

PHASE II: MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Placement Test Scores

<u>CPT*</u>		<u>COMPASS*</u>		<u>ASSET*</u>	
Sentence Skills	86	Writing	70	Writing Skills	41
Reading Comp.	80	Reading	81	Reading Skills	41
Arithmetic	55	Pre-Algebra	47	Numerical Skills	41
Algebra	75	Algebra	66	Elem. Algebra	41

*These placement test scores are valid for 3 years.

NEW FOR 2014: NC-DAP test. Applicants taking the new NC-DAP for math must demonstrate mastery through DMA 080. The NC-DAP tests are valid for 5 years.

Applicants not meeting these minimum scores should enroll in the appropriate developmental/DMA course(s). All developmental/DMA courses must be completed by the deadline date.

- A grade of “C” or higher in a college level English composition or math course, that meets program MAR requirements, can waive placement testing once the transcript(s) has been received and reviewed.
- Acceptable SAT/ACT scores within the past five years can also waive placement tests.

SAT
SAT Critical Reading- 500 **OR** SAT Writing- 500
Math- 500

ACT
ACT Reading- 20 **OR** ACT English- 18
ACT Math- 22

PHASE III: MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS (MAR) REVIEW

After **completion** of Phase I and II, applicants are eligible to meet with an Admissions Counselor to complete the Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR) Review. Applicants who wish to be considered for the fall 2014 program **must** complete the MAR Review between the dates of September 4, 2013 and the deadline of March 27, 2014. Applicants for the fall 2014 program will not be considered for admission until this step is completed.

The Admissions Office hours for the MAR Review are 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Friday. The review is done on a walk-in basis and no appointment is necessary. **Please note that MAR reviews will not be conducted during registration and holidays (October 9, November 4-30, December 16 – January 10, January 20, and March 11). During fall break and spring break, MAR reviews will be conducted from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (October 7-8 and March 12-13).** The Admissions Office is located in Allman room 123.

PHASE III (CONTINUED): RANKING PROCESS

After completion of Phase I and II, applicants who complete a MAR Review are ranked using a point system. As this is a selective enrollment program, it is in the student's best interest to achieve as many ranking points as possible. The components of the ranking system include the following items:

1. Related Courses

Points are awarded for specific course grades completed by the deadline. Grade points are valued as follows: A= 4 points, B= 3 points and C= 2 points. These points are then multiplied by the credit hours for each course. For example, English 111 (3 credit hours) with a grade of "B" (3 points) gives a student 9 total points for that course.

Related academic courses and approved substitutions are listed below. Only courses completed by the deadline will be used for ranking. Courses must be completed with a "C" or higher. **Biology courses over five years old will not be considered for transfer credit or points in the ranking.**

<u>Related Course Titles – College Level Only</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
*BIO 163 or BIO 165 & 166 or BIO 168 & 169	5
ENG 111	3
ENG 115 or COM 231	3
PSY 150 or PSY 118	3
**MAT 161 or higher level math course	3
PHY 110/110A or higher level physics course	4
Humanities/Fine Arts elective (Humanities 115 preferred)	3

***To qualify for ranking points and transfer credit, courses must satisfy the required semester hours and descriptions. Please note that BIO 165 & 166 must be completed at the same college or university to transfer. Applicants completing BIO 168 & 169 are not restricted to taking both anatomy courses at the same college or university. Since BIO 163 is the preferred curriculum course, students taking the two part sequence (BIO 168/169 or 165/166) should be aware that the two grades are averaged and multiplied by five credit hours to calculate an equivalent BIO point total.**

**** Statistics courses will not count towards ranking points or transfer credit**

2. Additional Points: Must be submitted at time of MAR Review.

Points will be awarded for the completion of the following. Please note these are not requirements for admission to the program. Appropriate documentation must be submitted for points to be awarded.

5 points	Completion of an Allied Health related bachelor's degree
3 points	Completion of a non-Allied Health related bachelor's degree
4 points	Completion of an Allied Health related associate's degree
3 points	CNA II (must be valid and current)
2 point	CNA I (must be valid and current)
1 point	Phlebotomist (must be valid and current)
3 points	Licensed EMT (must be valid and current)
4 points	Licensed Paramedic (must be valid and current)
4 points	Registered Nurse (RN) (must be valid and current)
3 points	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) (must be valid and current)
2 points	Interpreting in Health and Human Services (certificate required)

Additional Points Continued:

****2 points** 1 year or more full time experience working in a health field

**** 1 point** 480 hours or more part time experience working in a health field

**** Must receive documentation from supervisor on facility letterhead verifying work experience and a copy of the official job description must accompany the letter.**

Work performed must involve direct patient care as specified in the job description. This includes, but is not limited to occupations such as nursing, CNA, imaging technologists, therapists, patient transporters, orderlies, and other similar positions where patient care is part of the primary job description and purpose. Occupations such as medical unit secretary, lab technician, gift shop clerk, cafeteria worker etc. will not be considered since the main function of these jobs is not patient care.

Additional points will be given for the following courses that are not part of the Cardiovascular Sonography curriculum's general education related courses listed on page 3. A final grade of "B" or higher must be verified by an official college/university transcript and submitted by time of the MAR Review to receive points. Additional points will only be awarded for the specific courses identified below (course substitutions are not permitted).

1 point	SPA 111
2 points	SPA 112
1 point	HUM 115

3. Total Points for Ranking

Adding together the grade points and related experience points will determine the total score. Students with the highest point total will be accepted. In the event of a tie, the **completion** date of Phase I not the date of the MAR Review will be the determining factor. An alternate list will also be developed. Alternates will only be accepted if a student originally accepted, declines their seat. Applicants not admitted to the program must reapply, complete a new health information session, **and** complete a new MAR Review if they wish to be considered for the following year's class.

Medical Training Certification Requirement

It is **strongly recommended** that you begin working on these certifications prior to acceptance to the nursing program. Nurse Aide I and CPR training courses fill up quickly. If you are unable to complete these requirements by the deadline set by the nursing department after acceptance, you will lose your seat in the program.

Applicants who are **accepted** must hold current healthcare provider level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification through the American Heart Association by the first day of class, clinical, or end of first semester. CPR certification can be completed through Forsyth Tech's Corporate and Continuing Education Division (336-761-1002).

In addition to the CPR requirement, accepted applicants **must complete and pass NC state approved Nursing Assistant I (NA I) by August 15, 2014.** NA I is usually a 6 week course so students must begin the course in time to complete it by the deadline. The CNA I must be completed at an accredited program in the state of North Carolina. Possession of a higher-level certification such as Certified Nursing Assistant I or II (CNA I or II), Certified Medical Assistant (CMA), Emergency Medical Technician

(EMT B or I), Paramedic or Military Corpsman will also be accepted to meet this requirement. If a student is already CNA I certified, it must be current at time of MAR review.

Approved students must provide the appropriate documentation to the Cardiovascular Sonography Program Coordinator's office to verify the completion of these requirements by **August 15, 2014**. CNA I, EMT, and CPR certifications can be completed through Forsyth Tech's Economic and Workforce Development-Education Division (336-761-1002). CPR is included in the NA I course.

NOTE: The information provided in this packet is subject to change annually.