



Forsyth Technical Community College
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Dental Assisting

Fall 2012 Deadline: March 29, 2012

Admissions Information

Dental Assisting is a selective enrollment program beginning each fall. Resources such as clinical facilities and faculty, as well as approval standards, limit the number of applicants accepted to the program to 20 students each year. *One seat is reserved for a 2012 high school graduate. Currently enrolled high school applicants will only compete for the seat with other high school applicants.* Dental Assisting is a one-year diploma 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 Dental Assisting Minimum Admissions Requirement (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 29, 2012 for the fall 2012 program.

- ___ 1. Complete the Forsyth Tech application.
- ___ 2. **Complete the online information session tutorial when it is available and return the electronic signature form.** This form can be returned to the Admissions Office via email, fax, mail, or hand delivery. The online information session will be available soon and can be located at www.forsythtech.edu under Allied Health/Nursing Admissions. If you prefer, you may choose to attend an in-person information session instead of completing the online tutorial. **Keep in mind that the in-person information session is recommended but no longer a mandatory requirement.** 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.

(Official transcripts must be sent directly from the school to Forsyth Tech and have the school's seal or original signature).

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

Applicants not meeting these minimum scores should enroll in the appropriate developmental course(s). All developmental courses must be completed by the deadline date. A college level English composition or algebra course with a grade of "C" or higher will be used to waive the tests once the transcript(s) has been received and reviewed. Likewise, acceptable SAT/ACT scores within the past five years may also waive some of the tests.

<u>SAT SCORES</u>		<u>ACT</u>
Critical Reading/Verbal	480	Must have a composite of 21
Math	500	

2. Biology Competency

Applicants must have completed a high school biology course. If this course was not completed at the high school level, an applicant must complete the course at the college level. There is no age limitation on the high school or college level course.

3. Grade Point Average(GPA)Requirement

Applicants must maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of **2.0 or higher** on courses completed at Forsyth Tech and those listed as program course requirements in order to be eligible for consideration.

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 2012 program **must** complete the MAR Review by March 29, 2012. Applicants for the fall 2012 program will not be considered for admission until this step is completed. **Surry applicants are not required to complete a MAR Review with a Forsyth Tech Admissions Counselor.** The Admissions Office hours for the MAR Reviews 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. The Admissions Office is located in Allman room 123.

PHASE III (CONTINUED): RANKING PROCESS

After completion of the application process and minimum admissions requirements, applicants who complete a MAR Review are ranked using a point system. **Surry applicants will be included in the ranking process also.** 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. **All 2012 HS graduates will be ranked only using the overall weighted GPA and grades in specific high school courses. Grade points are valued as follows: Honors/AP courses – A=5pts., B=4pts., C=3pts. Standard courses – A=4pts., B=3pts. C=2pts. High school courses will only be considered for points if the applicant is a 2012 HS graduate.**

Related academic courses and approved substitutions are listed below. Only courses completed by the deadline will be used for ranking.

<u>Related Course Titles</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>2012 HS graduates only</u>
BIO 110 (BIO 168, 163 or BIO 111)	4	<i>Overall Weighted GPA</i>
ENG 115, COM 110, COM120 or COM 231	3	<i>Algebra II</i>
PSY 150 or PSY 118	3	<i>Anatomy/Physiology</i>
		<i>Biology</i>
		<i>Chemistry</i>
		<i>Physics</i>
		<i>Health Occup/Medical Careers I</i>

***Anatomy & Physiology courses are only valid for 5 years**

2. Additional Points: Must be submitted at time of MAR or by deadline. (Not applicable to 2012 HS Graduates)

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.

Please note: Points for degrees and diplomas will be given for the highest credential earned. Students may not earn multiple points for multiple academic degrees.

6 points	Completion of an <u>Allied Health</u> related bachelor's degree.
5 points	Completion of a <u>Non-Allied Health</u> bachelor's degree.
4 points	Completion of an <u>Allied Health</u> related associate's degree.
3 points	Completion of a <u>Non-Allied Health</u> associate's degree.
2 points	Completion of an <u>Allied Health</u> related diploma.
1 point	Completion of a <u>Non-Allied Health</u> diploma.
5 points	Licensed Paramedic

- 2 points Licensed EMT
- 2 points CNA I
- 2 points 6 mo.-office trained dental assisting experience
- 4 points 1 yr-office trained dental assisting experience

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 re-apply, complete a new health information session **and** complete a new MAR Review if they wish to be considered for the following year's class.

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