

Allied Health Admissions Process

Please note: This does not work for Respiratory Therapy, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, or any of the Nursing programs.

1. Access and print out your Minimum Admissions Requirements packet online at <https://www.forsythtech.edu/apply/admission-requirements/nursing-allied-health-programs/>

This is important because the packets are specific to each program and the requirements to be eligible to compete for the programs will be different.

2. When you finish reading through this document and feel that you understand your MAR packet and the way that the health admission process works – **sign the Health Admissions Agreement on the last page and turn that in when you come to do your MAR review**

There are two types of Health programs: Limited Enrollment and Selective Admission.

Limited Enrollment programs work on a “first come, first served” basis. There is a priority deadline and a final deadline. If you come in to do your Minimum Admissions Requirements review with a counselor before the priority deadline then you are in the first group of students to be reviewed for a spot in the class. After that priority deadline, we still conduct MAR reviews through the final deadline to fill seats and/or maintain an alternate list. The completion date of the MAR review is used to determine which eligible students came in first. If there is a tie, the packet will tell you what item might be used for a tie breaker. It can be different for each program.

Understand that while these seats are filled based on the first people to complete their MAR reviews – completing the review does require that you have met the required items listed in the packet. You must complete the following:

- ✓ Submit an application or intent to enroll in the program (current FT students only)
- ✓ Have an active RCN number for residency
- ✓ Meet the English, reading, and math competencies
- ✓ Submit an official high school transcript or high school equivalency test scores
- ✓ Submit ALL official college transcripts from everywhere attended
- ✓ Submit AP scores if you took the AP test for a course used to meet competencies or earn points.
- ✓ Turn in the Health Admissions Agreement

Selective Admission programs work on a points based ranking system. In these programs, students earn points based on the grades they have achieved in the general education (related) courses for their program. The more related courses you complete prior to the MAR review, the more competitive you will be in the applicant pool. Again, please review the packet for your program of interest because these courses are different for each program. Some of the programs also require the TEAS test. This academic skills test for health programs covers English, reading, math, and science. The total score earned on this test is added to the points that have been earned in the classes.

It's easy to calculate your own points! An A is worth 4 points, a B is worth 3 points, and a C is worth 2 points. **No D's or F's are allowed for the related courses and will make you ineligible for admission until you have repeated the course with a C or higher.** You take the grade points and multiply them by the number of credit hours for that course. For example: English 111 is a 3 credit hour course with an A which is worth 4 points. In that scenario, a student would have a total of $4 \times 3 = 12$ points for English 111.

You are eligible to compete for the program by completing a MAR review when you have completed the following steps:

- ✓ Submit an application or intent to enroll in the program (current FT students only)
- ✓ Have an active RCN number for residency
- ✓ Meet the English, reading, and math competencies
- ✓ Meet the Biology/Chemistry competency (specific to your program)
- ✓ Submit an official high school transcript or high school equivalency test scores
- ✓ Submit ALL official college transcripts from everywhere attended
- ✓ Submit AP scores if you took the AP test for a course used to meet competencies or earn points
- ✓ Turn in the Health Admissions Agreement

In each Minimum Admission Requirements packet, you will see the math, reading, and English competencies listed as well as the various ways that you can meet those requirements. Please contact the Admissions office if you have questions about whether you meet the things that are needed for these competencies. They can be confusing and new criteria were added for the Fall 2019 semester so please make sure you understand what is needed to be eligible to compete for your program.

The Biology/Chemistry competency is a requirement that shows you have had at least some basic knowledge and exposure to the subject area by completing a course either in high school or college. There is no age limit on these courses. Biology AND Chemistry is ONLY required for Nuclear Medicine. All other programs require the Biology competency. In high school, the grade can be a D or higher and in college a C or higher. We are looking to see that you passed the course at the level you completed it.

Some programs also reserve seats for high school applicants and it will state that at the beginning of the MAR packet. In those situations, students who are graduating from high school in 2020 will be able to compete against other high school students ONLY for those reserved seats in the program. The ranking is based on your cumulative weighted GPA along with points assigned to specific high school courses.

Each packet will also list how many seats are available AND a deadline. Make sure that you don't forget the deadline because if you have not come to do a MAR review and/or taken the TEAS test by that deadline you are NOT eligible to be considered for admission. The deadline applies whether it is for a non-competitive or competitive program. It is a very important date to remember!

For those programs that require the TEAS test – Forsyth Tech does not do testing on a walk-in basis for the TEAS. You are required to complete the MAR review first and then you will be contacted to schedule the TEAS test before the deadline. There are details and study resources all listed in your packet so please make sure to take advantage of that information. We will accept TEAS scores taken elsewhere but they do have to be less than 2 years old at the point of the deadline, and the most recent version of the TEAS. There are TEAS study guides available in our bookstore as well as an app you can buy for your phone called Pocket Prep by ATI. The TEAS test costs \$65 so you do want to be prepared for that cost as well. Please contact the Admissions office if you have other questions about TEAS that are not covered in this document or in your packet.

In ALL programs, the MAR review is the step that puts you into the competitive applicant pool. If you do not complete the MAR review and/or TEAS by the deadline, you are NOT considered for admission to the program. We do MAR reviews in the Admissions office on a walk-in basis and not by appointment. You can come in any day Monday through Thursday from 8-6 to meet with a counselor only AFTER you have met the list of requirements on the pages above. **It is very important for you to read your packet because we do have days listed there as “blackout dates” where the school is closed or the staff are not available to do MAR reviews due to other work obligations.** In addition, if you are currently in fall courses that are part of the related courses, you must wait until January to do your MAR review primarily because you need the points from those courses and therefore need to have grades for them! If you live more than 200 miles away you can request a distance MAR review by emailing us at admissions@forsythtech.edu and requesting a review. We do not do any MAR reviews on Fridays.

Some programs may give extra points for things like work experience or CNA I or other professional licensure. Make sure to read your packet carefully to see if you can benefit from these points. If so, you would need to provide documentation of the items when you come to do your MAR review in order to have the extra points calculated into your point total.

Other programs may require that you meet with the Program Coordinator in your area before you come to do a MAR review. If that is the case, make sure you that follow those instructions and make that appointment. This is a great opportunity to discuss your plan of action on future courses and your progression in the program. Once that meeting is accomplished, you would be ready to do your MAR review with a counselor in Admissions.

After the deadline date passes, applicants will be notified by mail within 6 weeks of the stated deadline. We do keep an alternate list (not a waiting list) and those students who receive alternate letters can be called in to fill seats at any time when students decline their spot. Alternates are maintained in a ranking order based on points. Students who are accepted need to have health provider level CPR. Some programs require additional training preparation such as CNA I or EMT so that you have already learned the patient care skills that will make your transition into clinical work in the program a little easier.

Limited Enrollment Programs

- Medical Assisting
- Therapeutic Massage
- Health Information Technology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Pharmacy Technology

Selective Admission Programs

- Radiation Therapy
- Radiography
- MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)
- Medical Sonography
- Cardiovascular Sonography
- CT (Computed Tomography)
- ICVT (Interventional Cardiac and Vascular Technology)

This form will not work for the following selective programs because they have their own in-person information session:

- Respiratory Therapy
- Dental Assisting
- Dental Hygiene

For details, please see: <https://www.forsythtech.edu/apply/admission-requirements/nursing-allied-health-programs/>

Health Admissions Agreement

I have reviewed this information and fully understand the requirements to compete for the Allied Health programs at Forsyth Tech. I understand that the deadlines and specific information about eligibility are located in each individual program packet on the website and it is my responsibility to read and review those requirements. I also understand that if I have questions, I can contact the Admissions office at admissions@forsythtech.edu or 336-734-7556.

Name:

Student ID or SSN:

Signature:

Date: