

**ForsythTech**

*Community College*

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## **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Program**

### **Admissions Process**

**Deadline: March 25, 2021**

Congratulations! You are taking the first steps on your journey to become a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technologist! The information in this packet is your roadmap to this destination. It is important that you thoroughly read the instructions and if you have any questions, please check with the Admissions Office or call Melissa Smith, MEd, RT (R) (MR) (CT) CNMT, Program Coordinator, MRI program at 336-757-3349 or email at [msmith@forsythtech.edu](mailto:msmith@forsythtech.edu). Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a two-year associates degree program with a new class of students beginning the fall of each year. The number of applicants accepted to the program for the fall is 8 students. **One seat is reserved for 2021 high school graduates.** Currently enrolled high school students will compete against other high school applicants.

**Special note: If you are just starting to work on taking classes to become competitive in the future – please look at the Related Courses on page 5 to guide you. It is not a requirement that you complete all of them before you participate in the selective admission process.**

### **Steps for the Selective Admission process for the Fall 2021 Magnetic Resonance Imaging program**

1. Complete an application to Forsyth Tech at <https://www.forsythtech.edu/apply-ft/>

- New and Former students must complete the online application
- Complete NC Residency at [www.ncresidency.org](http://www.ncresidency.org)
- Submit all official transcripts from high school and colleges attended as well as AP scores if applicable for the related courses. Electronic transcripts can be sent through a secure service to [admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu) or paper transcripts can be mailed to Forsyth Technical Community College Attn: Admissions 2100 Silas Creek Parkway Winston Salem, NC 27103-5197, or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to the Admissions and Records Office on the main campus.

Currently enrolled students do not need to do a new application, just complete the Limited Enrollment/Selective Admissions form and make sure the NC Residency is current.

2. Complete the required Allied Health Admissions Process form at the end of this packet and submit the form to [admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu)

3. Demonstrate English and mathematics “College Readiness” levels.

- All Health Program applicants are required to demonstrate English and Mathematics college-readiness by one of the following methods:

#### English Readiness

- No ENG credits, but have an earned Associate or Bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited institution
- Documented completion of ENG 111, with a minimum grade of “C”
- Eligible to enroll in ENG 111 without the ENG 011 co-requisite, demonstrated by one of the following:
  - Graduate of a US high school with an unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher OR HSE specific scores – see Admissions for details
  - Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores OR SAT/ACT specific scores – see Admissions for details
  - If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to Forsyth Tech Admissions.
  - Current enrollment in ENG 111 with corequisite
  - Completion of ENG 002 Tier 2

#### Mathematics Readiness

- NO MAT credits, but have an earned Associate or Bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited institution
- Documented completion of MAT 143 or higher-level course with a minimum grade of “C”
- Eligible to enroll in MAT 143 without the corresponding co-requisite, demonstrated by one of the following:
  - Graduate of a US high school with an unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher OR HSE specific scores – see Admissions for details
  - Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores OR SAT/ACT specific scores – see Admissions for details
  - If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to Forsyth Tech Admissions.
  - Completion of Math 003 Tier 2

**If you are unsure whether you meet either of these requirements, it is YOUR responsibility to speak with a counselor in the Admissions Office PRIOR TO completing your Minimum Admissions Requirements Review with an Admissions Counselor.**

**4. Demonstrate Biology competency.** There are two ways to do this:

- College-level BIO/lab course with a “C” or better
- High school-level BIO/lab course with a “D” or better

**5. Meet requirements of “No D or F policy”:**

- While you are taking the related courses to become competitive, you must maintain a C or higher in any related course for the MRI program
- Applicants with a D or F in any of the related courses will not be eligible to compete for the program unless they have repeated the course and earned a grade to replace the D or F (You cannot do a MAR review with a D or an F)
- This policy is in place to maintain the integrity of the program and all applicants are held to these standards. There are NO exceptions.
- \* Side Note: For programs with multiple course options for a related course, applicants can replace the D or F grade with any of the course options available. For example, if the course choices are ENG 112 or ENG 114, and the applicant has a D or F in 112 then the choice is to either repeat 112 or take 114 and earn a C or higher.

**6. Watch the MRI Program Admissions Process Information Session**

- Watch the MRI Information session under step 2 here (available August 2020): <https://www.forsythtech.edu/courses-programs/degrees/programs-a-z/magnetic-resonance-imaging/>
- Complete the form at the end and email it to [admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu) prior to completing your virtual MAR review with an Admissions Counselor
- Receive 5 points for watching

**7. Meet with an Admissions Counselor** to do a Minimum Admissions Requirements Review

Please email [admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu) to request your MAR review via email. Once we are able to complete the review virtually, you will be added to the TEAS list and someone will contact you about how to take the TEAS test. In the event that Covid-19 prevents the TEAS from being administered on campus, we will make it available to students remotely. This requires preparation 24 hours ahead of the test, so be aware that you would NOT be able to complete your MAR review and TEAS test on the day of the

**deadline. Further instructions will be given after you complete the MAR review.**

- Email a request for a virtual MAR review to [admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu)
- Please note that these dates are unavailable for MAR reviews:
- **October 13 – school closed**
- **November 11 – Veteran’s Day school closed**
- **November 25-27 – Thanksgiving school closed**
- **December 14 – January 22 – Holiday break school closed/Registration week/MLK holiday**
- **February 15-19 – Nursing MAR’s only**
- **3/16 – School closed All Employee Day**
- **No MAR reviews on Fridays**

Please be aware of these days when the school is closed and expect that there will be a delay in the processing and response time on your MAR review request.

- FALL 2021 applicants can do MAR reviews between September 8<sup>th</sup> and the March 25<sup>th</sup> deadline. **\*\* If you are in related courses for the fall 2020 semester you will have more points and be more competitive if you finish those courses first and do your MAR review after those grades are posted.**
- The MAR review is **REQUIRED** before you can take the TEAS at Forsyth Tech. Make sure to give yourself enough time to take the TEAS before the deadline – don’t wait until the last minute!
- During this review, we will calculate your points based on grades earned in the Related Courses for the program. See page 5 for details.

#### **8. Schedule and take the TEAS test before the deadline**

- After your MAR review – you will be contacted at your Forsyth Tech email and by postcard to set up a date to take the test
- You must score a minimum of 60% to be eligible to compete for the program
- If you have taken the test elsewhere, you can turn in the scores to us at [admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu)
- Tests must be less than 2 years old to the date of the deadline
- The minimum score does **NOT** guarantee acceptance into the program

#### **9. Complete “Professional Knowledge Survey” and “Reflective Questions”**

- After your MAR review- you will be contacted at your Forsyth Tech email to complete these items for additional points in a special Blackboard site dedicated to the MRI Program Admissions process. This section is explained in the Information Session you must watch prior to requesting the MAR review.

**10. Make sure you meet the Admitted Student requirements**

**Check page 9 of this packet!**

**11. Check your Forsyth Tech email** and keep your phone and address updated with the office

- Four to six weeks after the deadline we will notify you via your Forsyth Tech email about your status
- You will receive an email regardless of the result – admitted, alternate, not admitted. We will not leave you without notification.
- If you are admitted to the program, there will be instructions in your admission letter with requirements that apply to admitted students – make sure to meet any of those deadlines/requirements or you can lose your seat in the program
- If you are an alternate, we will contact you by phone or email if any seats open up in the program

## Understanding the Ranking Process:

The MRI Program is using a new admission process this year that looks at applicants as a whole, not just grades. The points come from the grades in the “related courses” that are part of the program and will not only give you points but also lighten the course load if you are admitted into the program. Then your **TEAS** total score is added to the **Related Course points** to give you the score that is **40% of your overall MAR score**. The remainder of points come from viewing the **MRI Program information session**, completing a **Professional Knowledge Survey**, answering **5 Reflective Questions**, and any **Direct Patient Care Experience** you possess.

MRI PROGRAM ADMISIONS PROCESS POINTS SUMMARY			
<b>CATEGORY I</b>	TEAS SCORE <b>99 PTS POSSIBLE</b> (MIN 60 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MRI PROGRAM)	RELATED COURSE GRADES SUMMARY <b>80 POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	40% OF OVERALL MAR SCORE
<b>CATEGORY II</b>	MRI PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION <b>10 POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	COMPLETE REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS <b>20 POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	30% OF OVERALL MAR SCORE
<b>CATEGORY III</b>	MRI PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE <b>25 POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	DIRECT PATIENT CARE HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE/COMPLETION OF NA 1 COURSE or REFRESHER IN PAST 2 YEARS ( <b>HS STUDENTS COMPLETION OF NA 1 OR HEALTH SCIENCE OCCUPATIONS/MEDICAL CAREER</b> ) <b>5 POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	30% OF OVERALL MAR SCORE

### 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. AP credit is based upon the individual scores as follows: 5=A=4 points, 4=B=3 points and 3=C=2 points. No AP credit is awarded for a score of 2 or lower.

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. **There is no longer an age limit on the Anatomy and Physiology courses.** Please note: if a course is repeated, the highest grade earned will be used in the ranking.

#### Related Course Titles – College Level Only

BIO 163, or BIO 165 and BIO 166, or BIO 168 and BIO 169  
 ENG 111  
 ENG 115 or COM 231  
 PSY 150 or PSY 118  
 MAT 143  
 Humanities/Fine Arts elective

**\*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.**

**Please note that if a course is substituted for points, it does not guarantee that it will count towards graduation. Accepted students must confirm the course substitution with the program department chair during their first semester in the program.**

**Current High School Seniors:**

All 2021 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= 5 pts., B= 4pts., C= 3pts. Standard courses – A= 4 pts., B= 3pts., C= 2pts.

**High school courses will only be considered for points if the applicant is a 2021 HS graduate.**

**2021 HS Seniors Only -Overall Weighted GPA**

Algebra II	Chemistry
Anatomy/Physiology	Physics
Biology	Health Science Occupations/Medical Career

**2. TEAS Total Score**

An applicant must test and meet the required minimum 60% or higher total score on the TEAS. This score will be used as part of the ranking process. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the higher Science score on the TEAS will be ranked higher.

**RELATED COURSES AND TEAS TOTAL SCORE WILL COMBINE TO ACCOUNT FOR 40% OF OVERALL ADMISSION SCORE**

**3. Completion of MRI Information Session (10 points) and Professional Knowledge Survey (25 points)**

We want you to have a clear understanding of the MRI admissions process and the MRI profession. Prior to meeting with an Admissions Counselor, you must watch the **MRI Information Session** and complete the post-session survey. Email the certificate to [admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu) with your name from your college email address. Once you complete the meeting with an Admissions Counselor, you will be enrolled in a Blackboard site to complete a short **Professional Knowledge Survey**. You will learn more about the MRI Profession, current statistics on pay and employment forecasts, and what a day in the life of an MRI technologist is like.

**4. Completion of Reflective Questions (20 points)**

Once you have learned about the admissions process and the MRI profession, we want to know what YOU think. As part of the Reflective Questions section, you will go to the MRI Admissions Blackboard site and complete 4 questions to tell us a little about you and the reason you chose MRI as a profession. Complete the following questions and receive 20 points. You must answer all questions to receive points. You are not being awarded points based on the content of the answers. Your points come from completing all the questions. This is a chance for you to reflect on your future career pathway.

- *Why do you want to become an MRI technologist?*
- *Traits of successful MRI technologists include the **ability to put patients at ease, calm under pressure, good communication skills, enjoying working as part of a team, and flexibility (ability to adapt to a situation as it changes)**. Choose **one** of these traits and tell about a time you demonstrated it in a personal or professional way.*
- *What exposure, background and/or experiences do you have related to the field of MRI?*
- *Now that you know more about the profession, what questions do you have?*

## **5. Direct Patient Care (5 points)**

Applicants are awarded points for healthcare experience that involves DIRECT PATIENT CARE as specified in the job description. This includes, but is not limited to occupations such as military corpsman, currently licensed EMT, nursing, CNA (or proof of completion of NA 1 course or refresher course in past 2 years), CMA, imaging technologists, therapists, patient transporters, imaging tech assistants, 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.

**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.***

Students that complete all portions of the admissions process will be ranked. Students with the highest point total will be accepted. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the higher Science Score on the TEAS will be ranked higher. An alternate list will also be developed. 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.

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

## **Policy regarding Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) and Undocumented Students**

Current NCCCS policy allows DACA and undocumented applicants to enroll at Forsyth Tech at the out of state tuition cost. However, acceptance to the college does not guarantee acceptance to a specific program.

DACA students are eligible to apply to an Allied Health/Nursing program.

Undocumented students are not eligible for consideration to Allied Health or Nursing programs. According to North Carolina and Federal law, undocumented students are not eligible for North Carolina professional licensure.

This policy is subject to change without notice based upon federal and state regulation



## **Requirements for Admitted Students ONLY**

### **Safety Information for Prospective Students**

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Technology involves the use of strong magnetic fields to acquire detailed cross-sectional images of the body. Because of the nature of these strong magnetic fields, it is important to inform potential students and the public regarding the possible hazards associated with working in the MR environment. One of the most critical aspects of magnetic safety is the establishment of a thorough and effective screening process. This screening process assists in protecting students from MR system-related accidents and injuries by identifying implants, devices, or objects that may cause harm when introduced into the MR setting. Please read the page [Safety Information for Prospective Students](#) on the MRI website to review pertinent MRI safety information and a list of some of the implanted devices or objects that may interfere with a student's ability to work/learn in an MR environment. Please contact Melissa Smith, MEd, RT (R) (MR), Program Coordinator 336-757-3349 or email [msmith@forsythech.edu](mailto:msmith@forsythech.edu) if you have any questions.

All students admitted to the MRI Program will submit to **MRI Screening** prior to admission to clinical rotations. **Clinical sites have the right to deny admission to students that have devices/implants deemed unsafe in the MR environment.**

### **Medical Training Certification Requirement**

It is strongly recommended that you begin working on these certifications prior to acceptance to the MRI 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 MRI department after acceptance, **you will lose your seat in the program.**

Applicants who are **accepted** to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging program must successfully complete a NC state approved Nursing Assistant I (NA I) program by **August 20, 2021**. Possession of a current and valid 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. Other health professionals may qualify for CNA exemption. Please contact Melissa Smith, Program Coordinator @ 336-757-3349 or [msmith@forsythech.edu](mailto:msmith@forsythech.edu) for details.

A successfully completed NC state approved high school course in Allied Health II (with clinical component) can serve as an equivalency for the NA I requirement for high school students. Applicants who are **accepted** must also hold **current** AHA Health Care Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification by **August 20, 2021**.

Approved students must provide the appropriate documentation to the MRI Program Coordinator's office to verify the completion of these requirements by **August 20, 2021**. CNA I, EMT and CPR certifications can be completed through Forsyth Tech's Economic and Workforce Development-Education Division (336-734-7023). CPR is included in the NA I course.

## **TEAS: A Guide to Student Success**

Student success before, during, and after the nursing programs at Forsyth Tech is your goal as well as for the faculty and staff at our college. Success refers to academic achievement, personal and professional goal attainment, and well-being. Preparation and advisement are key components on the road to success for all students.

To better ensure your success, the nursing faculty has adopted a program that has been demonstrated to assist you in meeting your goals. Part of the success program requirements is an assessment of essential academic skills. The assessment is known as Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), a product of the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI). The TEAS measures basic skills in the domains of reading, mathematics, science, and English language usage.

In order to help assist you in being successful on the TEAS, the college offers ACA 085 – Improving Study Skills, a 1-credit hour course. ACA 085 is offered as an 8-week, web-based (online) course so you can complete the course anywhere you have internet access. ACA 085 provides an opportunity to review basic skills on the four domains of the

TEAS and offers practice tests. Completion of ACA 085 does not grant eligibility to take the TEAS nor does it grant points towards ranking.

TEAS study books are located on reserve for review in the following locations: Main Campus library (Ardmore building), Stokes County Office (Danbury), Grady Swisher Center (Kernersville), and Mazie Woodruff Center (Carver Road, Winston-Salem).

TEAS study manual and practice tests is available for purchase from our college bookstore, or through ATI online at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### ***1. When am I eligible to take the TEAS at Forsyth Tech?***

After you complete the MAR review, you are put on a list of eligible students to take the TEAS at Forsyth Tech.

You will receive information regarding the TEAS during your MAR Review. The test is given on Main Campus. You will receive an email through your Forsyth Tech email address and a postcard will be mailed to you with available dates, times, and the location for the TEAS by the TEAS Coordinator. Go to the Cashier's Window (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Allman Center) and pay the test fee prior to testing. On your test day, you must show the receipt of your TEAS payment along with a photo ID (driver's license or student ID).

After you complete the MAR review, you are put on a list of eligible students to take the TEAS at Forsyth Tech.

**In the event that Covid-19 prevents the TEAS from being administered on campus, we will make it available to students remotely. Further instructions will be given to you after you complete the MAR Review.**

### ***2. What are the basic steps to scheduling the TEAS?***

You will receive information regarding the TEAS during your MAR Review. The test is given on Main Campus. You will receive dates, times, and the location for the TEAS by the TEAS Coordinator. Go to the Cashier's Window (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Allman Center) and pay the test fee prior to testing. On your test day, you must show the receipt of your TEAS payment along with a photo ID (driver's license or student ID). **If we are still doing remote testing due to Covid -19 you will receive instructions on scheduling and payment from the TEAS coordinator.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The test proctor cannot accept payment!**

### ***3. How and when do I find my score?***

At the completion of your computerized test, you will be given instructions on how to access your score. You will be provided a copy of your score at that time.

### ***4. Is the test computer-based?***

Yes. A paper and pencil test is available only for students with documented disabilities requiring this accommodation.

### ***5. What if I have a documented learning disability with accommodations?***

When you call the TEAS Coordinator to schedule your test, you must indicate that you have documented accommodations through Forsyth Tech's Disability Services. Any accommodations must be confirmed by

Disability Services and the TEAS Coordinator must be notified prior to your test date. Questions regarding accommodations can be directed to Disability Services in Robert L. Strickland Center, Room 2423. The TEAS Coordinator will provide test accommodations according to those guidelines confirmed by Disability Services.

**6. *Can I take the test more than once?***

You will be allowed 3 attempts to meet the minimum Total Score. After the second attempt, if you do not achieve the minimum score, then you must wait 8 weeks to reschedule your final attempt. During this time, you are encouraged to enroll in ACA 085 or remediate on your own. If you are unsuccessful after the third attempt, you must wait one year from the date of your last attempt to be eligible to resume the TEAS testing process. You will need to reapply for the program, and complete a Nursing Information Session and MAR Review.

**7. *How long is my score valid?***

Two years from the date you took the test.

**8. *If I want to improve my score, can I repeat sections of the TEAS?***

No, you must take the entire test each time.

**9. *What is the required score for admission into the MRI program?***

Students must meet the required minimum 60% Total Score. This score will be recorded as part of the admissions ranking score.

**10. *What do I do if my score was below the 60% Total Score or I want to increase my score in order to be more competitive for admission?***

- Review your TEAS results to identify areas in which you need to improve your score.
- Enroll in ACA 085, a one-credit course designed to assist students to remediate specifically on areas of TEAS using a web-based tutorial program, PLATO. This program will allow you to review your basic skills and test in each area for competency.
- Review the TEAS study manual located in the campus libraries, or purchase your own copy.
- Purchase the online TEAS practice assessment and check your score prior to retesting. ATI's website is [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

**11. *Will Forsyth Tech accept TEAS scores taken at another school?***

Yes. A copy of the **Individual Performance Profile** sheet, showing your individual scores in all sections as well as your total score, must be submitted to the Admissions Office by the application deadline. It must be the most recent version of the TEAS assessment (not version 5 or lower).

I have reviewed this information and fully understand the requirements to compete for the MRI program at Forsyth Tech. I understand that the deadlines and specific information about eligibility are located in this program packet 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](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu) or 336-734-7556.

Name:

Student ID or Birthdate:

Signature:

Date:

