

Practical Nursing

Fall 2022 Deadline: February 18, 2022

NEW REQUIREMENT: TEAS Scores must be submitted BEFORE completing the application for a MAR review. Once you submit the application for the MAR review there are no additional TEAS scores accepted. If you need to schedule the TEAS at Forsyth Tech, use the link below or the QR code.

[TEAS Appointment Link](#)



Practical Nursing is a one-year diploma and 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 which admits 90 students each year. 24 of the 90 spaces are designated for the Stokes County evening/weekend program. **One seat is reserved for a 2022 high school graduate.** Currently enrolled high school applicants will only compete with other high school applicants (please see page 6). 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 pass the **TEAS test** and then complete their **Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR) Application** before the **February 18, 2022** deadline. Qualified applicants will then be ranked based on the criteria listed in this packet.

Additionally, applicants who are accepted into the Practical Nursing program must meet Nursing department requirements for CNA/CPR certification by **June 1, 2022** to maintain their seat in the program. Please review the information for these requirements on page 7.

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. However, completing more courses before the deadline can help to make you more competitive.

**Steps for the Selective Admission Process
for the Fall 2022 Practical Nursing 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
 - 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 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 general application to the school – just complete the online Practical Nursing MAR application (see link to this application in **step 6** on **page 4**) and make sure your NC Residency Status is current.

2. Submit TEAS scores. This must be the score report that shows the scores for ALL sections of the test as well as the overall score. You can email this to MAR@forsythtech.edu or bring it to the Admissions and Records Office in the Strickland Center

**Individual Performance Profile
ATI TEAS**



Individual Name:	JOHN D STUDENT	Test Date	9/5/2016
Institution:	Your Institution	Attempt	1 of 1
Program Type:	ADN	Days Since Last Attempt:	0

Scores

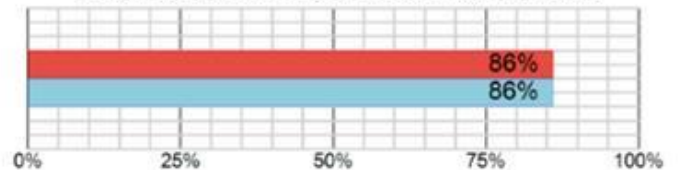
Total Score:

79.3%

Academic Preparedness Level: **Advanced**

National Mean: 65.6% All ADN Programs Mean: 66.1%

Percent of students who scored at or below your score



Reading Score:

87.2%

Math Score:

90.6%

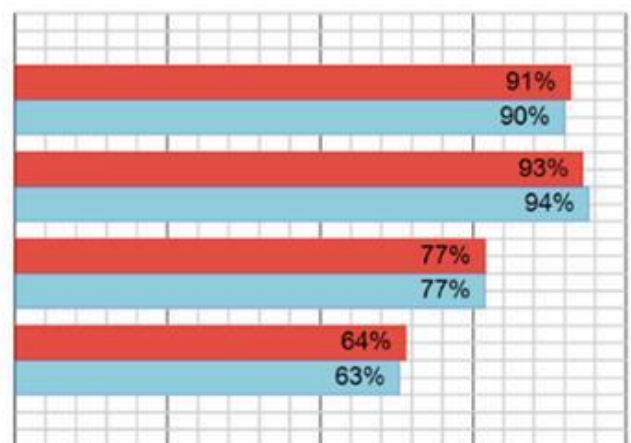
Science Score:

68.1%

English and Language Usage Score:

70.8%

Percent of students who scored at or below your score



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

- All Health Program applicants are required to demonstrate English and Mathematics college-readiness. Although no mathematics course is required for Practical Nursing, by the date you submit your MAR Application, you must be able to demonstrate that you have achieved the

appropriate readiness levels in both areas 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, MAT 152, or MAT 171 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 submitting your MAR application.

When we receive the MAR application it will be reviewed to make sure you meet the minimum requirements including taking the TEAS test and meeting the required score. If you do not meet these requirements, you will not be eligible to complete the MAR and will not be placed in the applicant pool to be notified of your status.

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 Practical Nursing 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 nursing program and all nursing applicants are held to these standards. There are NO exceptions.
- *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 BIO 163 or a combination of BIO 168 and 169, and the applicant has a D or F in BIO 163, then the choice is to either repeat BIO 163 or take the BIO 168/169 combination and earn a C or higher.

6. Submit the online Practical Nursing MAR application. You can find that application here:

Fall 2022 Application:

[Practical Nursing MAR application](#)

Fall 2022 Application for Current High School Seniors:

[Practical Nursing High School MAR application](#)

- Applicants can submit their MAR application between September 7th and the February 18th deadline. **** Applicants taking related courses (listed page 5) during the fall semester MUST wait until those grades have posted before completing the MAR so that those course grades can be used for MAR ranking points.**
- Your application confirmation will be emailed to you at the time that it has been completed by a counselor. Please make sure to have activated your Forsyth Tech email account and monitor that for this outreach. As long as you have submitted a MAR application, your application will be reviewed, and you will be contacted by the deadline for the program.

7. Make sure you meet the Admitted Student requirements

- Check page 7 to prepare in case you are admitted to the program!

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

- As mentioned above – we will email your application confirmation to your Forsyth Tech email by the deadline for the program
- After the deadline passes, you will be notified about your status – admitted, alternate, or not admitted regardless of the decision.
- 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:

When the TEAS score and MAR requirements are met, qualified applicants are ranked using a point system. 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 you are being ranked with in the competition for the program.

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, C = 2 points. These points are then multiplied by the credit hours for each course. For example, ENG 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. Please note: if a course is repeated, the highest grade earned will be used in the ranking.** The “No D/F” policy will apply (see page 3 for more information).

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
BIO 163 (<i>or</i> BIO 168 & 169, <i>or</i> BIO 165 & 166)	5
PSY 150	3
ENG 111	3

THERE ARE NO AGE LIMITATIONS FOR BIO 163, BIO 168/169 OR BIO 165/166.

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/physiology 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. Please note that both classes in the two-part sequence must be complete for the grades to count for points and substitute for BIO 163.

2. TEAS Total Score

An applicant must test and meet the required minimum 42% or higher **Total Score** on the TEAS. This score will be used as part of the ranking process. Please see page 9 for more information about the TEAS test.

3. Total Points for Ranking and Selection

Adding the grade points for related courses completed and the **TEAS Total Score** produces the total

ranking score used in the selection process. Applicants with the highest ranked scores will be accepted. In the event of a tie, an applicant with the higher **Science** Score on the TEAS will be ranked higher. An alternate list will be maintained in ranking order. Alternates will only be accepted if a space becomes available. 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.

Accepted student data from the previous 3 years

Please note that the data below is for informational purposes only! Points and criteria vary each year. It is in a student's best interest to accumulate as many points as possible to be as competitive as possible.

Year	Number of qualified applicants	Point range of accepted students Main Campus	Point range of accepted students Stokes Evening & Weekend Program
2021	247	99.7 – 127.7	93.7 – 106.5
2020	242	98.2 – 121.5	93 – 131.3
2019	205	93.8 – 119.7	87 – 122.3

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SPECIAL NOTE FOR 2022 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

In addition to following steps 1 through 8 of the admission process listed above, make sure to wait until **AFTER** your first semester grades are posted and have that transcript sent to the Admissions Office prior to submitting the MAR application in step 6. Make sure to use the link specific to currently enrolled high school seniors.

One seat is reserved for a 2022 high school graduate, and currently enrolled high school applicants will only compete with other high school applicants, using the ranking process described below.

2022 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RANKING/SELECTION PROCESS

When all minimum requirements and TEAS scores are met, all current high school seniors will be ranked and compete with other seniors using the following:

1. Overall weighted GPA. A transcript must be submitted after completion of the first semester senior year to reflect the most current GPA. This transcript must be submitted prior to the MAR Review.
2. TEAS Total Score
3. Weighted grades in specific high school courses:
 - Algebra II
 - Anatomy /Physiology
 - Biology
 - Health Science/Occupations/Medical Careers

Grade points are valued as follows:

Honors/AP Courses A=5 points, B=4, C=3

Standard Courses A=4 points, B=3, C=2

Adding the **cumulative weighted GPA, total weighted course points and TEAS Total Score** will equal the **total ranking score**. The senior with the highest ranked score will be accepted. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the

higher **Science Score** on TEAS will be ranked higher. Currently enrolled high school applicants will only compete with other high school applicants.

Additional Nursing Department Requirements for Students Accepted into the Practical Nursing Program

The deadline for fall applicants to have CNA I and CPR certifications completed and to be listed on the NC Nurse Aide I registry is **June 1, 2022**.

If you are unable to complete this requirement by the deadline, you will lose your seat in the program. Students accepted into the nursing program will be given instructions on where and how to submit documentation.

It is **strongly recommended** that you begin working on the following certifications/documents prior to acceptance to the nursing program. **If you have questions regarding these additional requirements, please direct them to the Nursing department.**

For more information about CNA I and CPR classes, please contact our West Campus at 336-734-7023.

CNA I

Completion of a North Carolina approved Nurse Aide I Training Program is required for students who have been accepted into the PN program. The NC Department of Health Service Regulation requires that you complete a state approved training program. Challenging of the NC state CNA I exam is no longer allowed. You can find a list of approved programs by going to the following link:

www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/hcpr/pdf/trainingprograms.pdf

This course must include full theory and full clinical times as set forth by the Nurse Aide I training programs. Current NA I listing on the NC Nurse Aide Registry is also required. Proof of NA I training and certification is required by **June 1, 2022**.

Applicants should be aware that there may be a delay between completion of the nursing assistant class and the ability to schedule a testing time to obtain certification as a CNA.

CPR

Completion of American Heart Association Health Care Provider/BLS is required for students who have been accepted into the PN program. Proof of this certification must be submitted to the Nursing Department by **June 1, 2022**.

MAR Ranking points are **not** awarded for completion of CNA and CPR certifications.

Student Medical Form

Completion of the student medical form is required for students accepted into the Practical Nursing program. It is strongly recommended that you begin working on completing these forms as soon as you receive notification of acceptance into the Practical Nursing program to meet the required deadline. The required medical form is located on the following link:

<https://www.forsythtech.edu/files/credit-programs/Student%20Medical%20Form%20for%20New%20and%20Transfer%20Students.pdf>

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 regulations.

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TEAS: A Guide to Student Success and FAQ

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 TEAS, the college offers ACA 085 – Improving Study Skills, a 1 credit hour course. Please note that only the online sections of ACA 085 are designed for TEAS prep. ACA 085 is offered as an 8-week, web-based (online sections in the 800 range only) 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 test is available for purchase from our college bookstore, or through ATI online at www.atitesting.com.

1. When am I eligible to take the TEAS at Forsyth Tech and how do I schedule it?

You will schedule the TEAS by working with Debra Pitt to schedule either an in-person test on campus OR a remote access test. Click here to schedule your test:

[TEAS Appointment link](#)

Once you are scheduled for the test – you would go to the Cashier's Window (2nd 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).

2. 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. You can also log into ATI and access it at any time.

3. Is the test computer-based?

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

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

When you email or 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.

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

You will be allowed 3 attempts to take TEAS at Forsyth Tech. After the second attempt, you must wait 8 weeks to reschedule your third attempt. If you have not met the minimum score, or just want to increase your score, you are encouraged to enroll in an ACA 085 online course or remediate on your own. After the third attempt, you must wait one year from the date of your last test to be eligible to resume the TEAS testing process at Forsyth Tech.

6. *How long is my score valid?*

Two years from the date you took the test.

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

No, you must take the entire test each time.

8. *What is the required score for admission into the Practical Nursing program?*

Students must meet the required minimum 42% Total Score. This score will be recorded as part of the admissions ranking score.

9. *What do I do if my score was below the 42% Total Score or I want to increase my score in order to be more competitive for admission?*

- a. Review your TEAS results to identify areas in which you need to improve your score.
- b. Enroll in an online section of 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.
- c. Review the TEAS study manual located in the campus libraries, or purchase your own copy.
- d. Purchase the online TEAS practice assessment and check your score prior to retesting. ATI's website is www.atitesting.com.

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

Yes, if you choose to take it elsewhere, you must take the most recent TEAS version and have a copy of your score report showing all four sections scores with the total score submitted to the Admissions Office prior to submitting your MAR application.