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**Dental Hygiene  
Fall 2021 Deadline:  
March 25, 2021**

Dental Hygiene 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 **14 students** for each Fall semester with **2 seats designated for SURRY CC applicants**. **The Dental Hygiene program does not reserve seats for high school seniors, however high school seniors who are dual enrolled and have completed college courses listed under the related courses section of this packet may compete against other college students for admission.** Dental Hygiene 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.**

**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 2021 for the  
Dental Hygiene 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. Electronic transcripts can be sent through a secure service to [admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu) or paper transcripts can be mailed to Attn: Admissions 2100 Silas Creek Parkway Winston Salem, NC 27103 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 Agreement 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. Although no mathematics course is required for the Associate in Applied Science Dental Hygiene, by the date you submit your Health Programs 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 – contact Admissions for details
  - Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores OR SAT/ACT specific scores – contact 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 – contact Admissions for details
  - Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores OR SAT/ACT specific scores – contact 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 and Chemistry 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 Dental Hygiene 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 of C or higher to replace the D or F (You cannot do a MAR review with a D or F)
- This policy is in place to maintain the integrity of the dental hygiene program and all dental hygiene 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 BIO 175 or BIO 275, and the applicant has a D or F in 175 then the choice is to either repeat 175 or take 275 and earn a C or higher.

6. **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 [admissions@forsythtech.edu](mailto:admissions@forsythtech.edu) to request a virtual MAR review
- 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 March 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Dental Hygiene program. See page 5 for details.
- FALL 2021 applicants can do MAR reviews between **September 8<sup>th</sup> and the March 25** deadline. **If you are in classes 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 in January/February**
- Please note that these dates are unavailable for MAR reviews:  
**MAR Reviews are not conducted on Fridays**  
**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 reviews only**  
**March 16 – School Closed- All employee Day**

**7. Schedule and take the TEAS test before the March 25th 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
- **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.**
- 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

**8. Make sure you meet the Summer Camp requirements**

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

**9. Check your Forsyth Tech email** and keep your phone and address updated with the Admissions & Records 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:

When the MAR Review and TEAS score 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. Please note that if a course is repeated, the highest grade earned will be used in the ranking. **The no “D/F” policy applies please refer to page 3.**

Related Courses	Course Names	Credit Hours
<b>BIO 163 OR (BIO 168 &amp; 169) OR (BIO 165 &amp; 166)</b>	Basic Anatomy & Physiology <b>OR</b> (AP I & II)	<b>5</b>
<b>ENG 111</b>	Writing and Inquiry	<b>3</b>
<b>COM 231</b>	Public Speaking	<b>3</b>
<b>PSY 150</b>	General Psychology	<b>3</b>
<b>SOC 210</b>	Introduction to Sociology	<b>3</b>
<b>CHM 130/130A OR (CHM 131/131A) OR (CHM 151) OR (CHM 121/121A)</b>	Gen, Org, & Biochem/Lab <b>OR</b> Intro to Chem/Lab <b>OR</b> Gen Chem I	<b>4</b>
<b>HUM/Fine Arts Electives</b>	Consult academic advisor	<b>3</b>
<b>BIO 175 OR BIO 275</b>	<b>Gen. Microbiology OR Microbiology</b>	

Only courses completed by the deadline will be used for ranking. Courses must be completed with a “C” or better. There are no age limits on the sciences (BIO 163 or BIO 168/169 or BIO 165/166 or CHM 130/130A or CHM 131/131A or CHM 151 or CHM 121/121A)

**\*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. The chemistry lab must be completed or included in the chemistry course to count for points and transfer credit.**

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

2. **Related Experience Points (Academic Points & Health Related Training):** Must be submitted at time of **MAR**. 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 will be given for the highest credential earned. Students may not earn multiple points for multiple academic degrees.**

- 5 points          Completion of an Allied Health related bachelor’s degree.
- 2 points          Completion of a Non-Allied Health bachelor’s degree.
- 3 points          Completion of an Allied Health related associate’s degree.
- 1 point          Completion of a Non-Allied Health associate’s degree.
- 3 points          Licensed Paramedic (must be valid and current)
- 1 point          Licensed EMT (must be valid and current)
- 1 point          CNA I (must be valid and current)

3. **Dental Assisting Education or Experience (all areas may apply and count below)**

Graduates from a CODA accredited dental assisting program will receive points for program GPA. **Proprietary/private dental assisting schools are not eligible.**

a.) **Education**

<u>GPA</u>	<u>Points</u>
3.5 – 4.0	3
3.0 – 3.49	2

b.) **Experience (with or without formal training)** Documentation on office letter-head where experience was obtained with original dentist signature required.

<u>Years of Experience</u>	<u>Points</u>
5 + years	2

c.) **CDA certification (must be valid and current)** Certified Dental Assistant certification from the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.

CDA certification	5 Points
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4. **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.

5. **Total Points for Ranking and Selection**

The 14 applicants with the highest ranked scores will be admitted for the fall program start. In the event of a tie,

the 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 admitted if a space becomes available. Applicants not admitted to the program must reapply and complete a MAR Review for future consideration.

### **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.

**\*Please note that the TEAS requirement was new for 2020 and there was an increase in total points.\***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of qualified applicants</b>	<b>Point range of accepted students</b>
<b>2020</b>	60	<b>165.7-195.8</b>
<b>2019</b>	61	<b>110-124</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>110-119</b>

### **Infectious Disease and Communicable Disease Acknowledgement:**

**You need to understand that entering a health field or dental field you will be exposed to communicable or infectious diseases. WE do everything we can to keep you safe and teach you important Infection Control Policies that you are expected to follow throughout your career. By following these standard procedures you can keep yourself safe.**

### **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

### **Summer Camp**

As a condition of final admission into the Dental Hygiene Program at Forsyth Tech, all accepted applicants are **required to attend our mandatory, one day Summer Camp**. The date will be provided upon acceptance but is usually held mid to late June and is typically held from 8:00am until 1:00pm. This camp is informative, busy and productive. Students who fail to attend the Summer Camp may lose their spot in the program but can reapply the following year.

## TEAS: A Guide to Student Success and FAQ

Student success before, during, and after the dental hygiene program 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 dental hygiene 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) 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](http://www.atitesting.com).

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

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

**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. 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.

**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. There is no waiting period between the first and second attempt. 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 before taking the TEAS test again. 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 ADN program?***

Students must meet the required minimum 60% 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 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 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.
- 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).

**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 at any point in the process as long as submit the scores to us by the deadline. 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.

June 2020

### Allied Health Admissions Agreement

I have reviewed this information and fully understand the requirements to compete for the Dental Hygiene 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: