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Magnetic Resonance Imaging
(MRI) Program
Admissions Process
Deadline: March 25, 2022

<mark>**NEW REQUIREMENT: TEAS Scores must be submitted BEFORE completing the MAR application. Once you submit the MAR application are no additional TEAS scores accepted. If you need to schedule the TEAS at Forsyth Tech, click here:**</mark>

[Link to Schedule TEAS](#)

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, MSEd, RT (R) (MR) (CT) CNMT, Program Coordinator, MRI program at 336-757-3349 or email at 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 2022 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 2022 Magnetic Resonance Imaging program

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

    o New and Former students must complete the online application

    o Complete NC Residency at www.ncresidency.org

    o 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.

- o Currently enrolled students do not need to do a new application, just complete the online Radiography MAR application (see link to this application-step 6) and make sure the NC Residency 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
		Days Since Last Attempt:	0
Program Type:	ADN		

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
86%
86%
0%   25%   50%   75%   100%

Percent of students who scored at or below your score
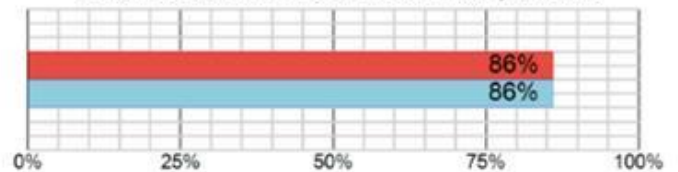
Reading Score:
87.2%   91% / 90%
Math Score:
90.6%   93% / 94%
Science Score:
68.1%   77% / 77%
English and Language Usage Score:
70.8%   64% / 63%
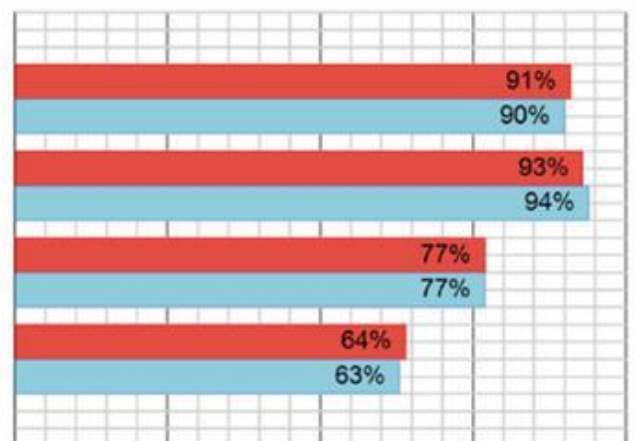
3. **Demonstrate English and mathematics "College Readiness" levels.**

- o All Health Program applicants are required to demonstrate English and Mathematics college-readiness. 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 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 Radiography 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 application with a D or an F)

    - This policy is in place to maintain the integrity of the Radiography program and all 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 ENG 112 or ENG 114, and the applicant has a D or F in ENG 112 then the choice is to either repeat ENG 112 or take the ENG 114 and earn a C or higher

6. **Submit the online MRI MAR application. You can find that application here:**

    MRI MAR application

    MRI MAR application High School seniors ONLY

FALL 2022 applicants can submit their MAR application between September 7th and the March 25th deadline. **** Applicants taking related courses (listed page 5) during the fall 21 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**. Once 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 9 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:

The MRI Program is using an 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 ADMISISONS PROCESS POINTS SUMMARY			
CATEGORY 1	TEAS SCORE **99 PTS POSSIBLE** (MIN 60 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MRI PROGRAM)	RELATED COURSE GRADES SUMMARY **80 POINTS POSSIBLE**	40% OF OVERALL MAR SCORE
CATEGORY II	MRI PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION **10 POINTS POSSIBLE**	COMPLETE REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS **20 POINTS POSSIBLE**	30% OF OVERALL MAR SCORE
CATEGORY III	MRI PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE **25 POINTS POSSIBLE**	DIRECT PATIENT CARE HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE/COMPLETION OF NA 1 COURSE or REFRESHER IN PAST 2 YEARS **(HS STUDENTS COMPLETION OF NA 1 OR HEALTH SCIENCE OCCUPATIONS/MEDICAL CAREER)** **5 POINTS POSSIBLE**	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 2022 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 2022 HS graduate.

2022 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 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 application 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, MSEd, RT (R) (MR), Program Coordinator 336-757-3349 or email 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, 2022.** 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 quality for CNA exemption. Please contact Melissa Smith, Program Coordinator @ 336-757-3349 or msmith@forsythtech.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, 2022.**
Approved students must provide the appropriate documentation to the MRI Program Coordinator's office to verify the completion of these requirements by **August 20, 2022**. 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 Radiography 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 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:
   Link to Schedule TEAS

   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 Radiography 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?*

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.