(MRI) Associate Degree Program
Admissions Process
Fall 2024 Deadline: March 22, 2024

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 Herbert Ricks (hricks@forsythtech.edu) Coordinator of Health Sciences and Public Safety Advising, or contact Vera Kimbrell, M Ed R (MR) @ 336-734-7286 or vkimbrell@forstythtech.edu if you have any questions.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a two-year associate degree program with a new class of students beginning in the fall of each year.

The number of applicants accepted to the program for the fall is 10 students. One seat is reserved for 2024 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 6 to guide you. It is not a requirement that you complete all of them before you participate in the selective admission process, but it will make you more competitive.

Required steps for the MRI program application

1. Complete an application to Forsyth Tech (if you are not a current student).

2. Check that you meet the minimum readiness levels.

3. Submit official transcripts.

4. **Submit the MAR application (you may only apply to one (1) health program at a time)**

5. Attach a copy of your current TEAS score report to the MAR application (scores must not be expired by the application deadline).

6. Review additional requirements for accepted students.

NOTE: At the end of the packet is an MRI quick checklist for you to verify all of the MRI requirements

Details for each step are outlined below:

1. ## Complete an application to Forsyth Tech.

New and Former students must complete the online application at https://www.forsythtech.edu/apply-ft/
Complete NC Residency at www.ncresidency.org

Currently enrolled students do not need to do a new application, just make sure the NC Residency is current.

2. ## Check that you meet the minimum readiness levels.

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:

COLLEGE ENGLISH READINESS	COLLEGE MATHEMATICS READINESS
❐ **Option 1:** You have completed or received transfer credit for ENG 111.	❐ **Option 1:** You have completed or received transfer credit for <u>one</u> of the following -- MAT 143 (or a higher-level math).
❐ **Option 2:** You have completed or received waiver credit for <u>all of</u> the following: DRE 096, DRE 097, DRE 098	❐ **Option 2:** You have completed or received waiver credit for <u>all</u> of the following: DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, DMA 040, and DMA 050
❐ **Option 3:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 002 with a minimum grade of **P2**	❐ **Option 3:** You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 003 with a minimum grade of **P2**
❐ **Option 4:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 011 or are currently enrolled in ENG 111/011	❐ **Option 4:** You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 043 or are currently enrolled in MAT 143/043
❐ **Option 5:** An earned Associate or Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution	❐ **Option 5:** An earned associate or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
❐ **Option 6:** Completion of placement test and achievement of appropriate scores. <u>If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to Forsyth Tech Admissions & Records</u>	❐ **Option 6:** Completion of placement test and achievement of appropriate scores. <u>If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to Forsyth Tech Admissions & Records</u>
❐ **Option 7:** Graduate of a US high school with a GPA of 2.5 or higher	❐ **Option 7:** Graduate of a US high school with a GPA of 2.5 or higher

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Biology competency
There are two ways to demonstrate this:
- College-level course with a "C" or better
- High school-level course with a "D" or better

<mark>If you are unsure whether you meet either of these requirements, it is YOUR responsibility to speak with your assigned advisor PRIOR TO submitting your MAR application.</mark>

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 and

will not be placed into the applicant pool.

3. Submit official transcripts.

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
-**emailed copies from you are NOT official**

We must have:
- ➢ Official college transcripts where related classes were taken. Only undergraduate classes through bachelor's degree level; we do not need graduate level transcripts.
- ➢ Official AP scores from College Board if you want credit for applicable classes (credits showing on other college transcripts do not count).
- ➢ It is recommended to submit your graduating High School (or GED) transcript, or you may miss placement requirements.

Examples:

If you have transfer credit for all related classes, but still haven't sent in transcripts from another college you attended	➐ We do not need further transcripts
If you have transfer credit for all related classes, but retook one or more and got a higher grade at another school	➐ We need the official transcript with the retake if you want the additional points
If you took college classes that show on your high school transcript	➐ You will need to submit official transcripts from the college to receive MAR points and transfer credit
If you realize after the deadline that you didn't send a needed transcript	➐ It is too late to send additional transcripts. You will only be awarded MAR points and transfer credit for transcripts received by the deadline.

**When we do your MAR review, it will be based on documents in your account at the time of the review. **

4. Submit the MAR application
Prior to applying to the program, please visit the MRI page on the Forsyth Tech website and view the video on what happens in an MRI examination

You can only apply to **one** health program at a time at Forsyth Tech.
Regularly check your Forsyth Tech email for any notifications about the MAR
Fall 2024 application for MRI AAS and high school opens January 29, 2024, until March 22, 2024

Fall 2024 MRI MAR application

High School ONLY Fall 2024 application

AFTER your first semester grades (January/February) are posted, have the transcript sent to the Admissions and Records Office prior to submitting the MAR application.
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What to expect after submitting the application:

- Submitting the MAR application adds you to the MAR review list. We will send the paperwork as soon as we are able to complete the review. **Please note that you will not get a notification when you submit it.**
- Your paperwork will be emailed to you after your MAR application is reviewed. This can happen throughout the application process even up to two weeks after the deadline **so do not expect to be notified immediately**.
- Check your **Forsyth Tech email and** keep your phone and address updated with the school. We will email your MAR application paperwork to your Forsyth Tech email.
- Within 6 weeks after the deadline, you will be notified of 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 (see additional requirements for accepted students below).**
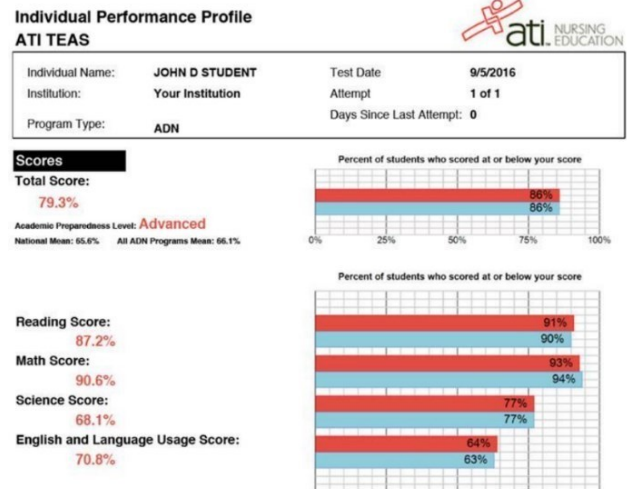- If you are an alternate, we will contact you by phone or email if any seats open in the program.

5. Attach a copy of your current TEAS score report to the MAR application:

Click here to schedule your test: **Link to Schedule TEAS**

You must send the score report that shows scores for **ALL** sections of the test as well as the overall score.
(*see picture*)

Download your report (no need to pay for an official report) and attach a copy to your MAR application.

TEAS tests taken at Forsyth Tech are not automatically submitted. When filling out the MAR application, there will be a question asking you to upload your TEAS score report. This is a REQUIREMENT. MAR applications will not be accepted without a valid TEAS score report.

6. Review additional requirements for accepted students

NOTE: The requirements in this section are for accepted 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 Vera Kimbrell, M Ed R (MR) @ 336-734-7286 or vkimbrell@forsythtech.edu if you have any questions or concerns

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 approved Nursing Assistant I (NA I) program by **the first day of the Fall 2024 semester**. Possession of a 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), Imaging technologist aide or extender, Paramedic or Military Corpsman within the last 5 years will also be accepted to meet this requirement. Other health professionals with direct patient care components may qualify for CNA exemption. Please submit these credentials/job experience with your admissions package.

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 **the first day of the Fall 2024 semester.** Approved students must provide the appropriate documentation to the MRI Program Coordinator's office to verify the completion of these requirements by **the first day of the Fall 2024 semester.** 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.

Understanding the Ranking Process:

The MRI Program is using an admission process that looks at applicants, 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 the points come from completing a Professional Knowledge Survey, answering Reflective Questions, and any Direct Patient Care Experience you possess. **The Professional Knowledge Survey and Reflective Questions will be provided to you in Blackboard AFTER you have received notification that you are accepted into the MRI applicant pool.**

Category I	TEAS SCORE **99 POINTS POSSIBLE** (MIN 60 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MRI PROGRAM)	RELATED COURSE GRADES SUMMARY **80 POINTS POSSIBLE**	40% OF OVERALL MAR SCORE
Category II		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) **10 POINTS POSSIBLE**	30% OF OVERALL MAR SCORE

- Related Courses

Points are awarded for specific course grades **completed by the deadline**. You are not required to finish all these classes before applying but doing so will help you to get a higher score and be more competitive.
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. Please note that if a course is repeated, the highest grade earned will be used in the ranking.

Related Courses	Course Names	Credit Hours
*BIO 163 or 168 & 169, or 165 & 166	Basic Anatomy & Physiology	5
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
COM 231 or ***ENG 115	2nd level English course	3
PSY 150 or ****PSY 118	General Psychology	3

MAT 143 or higher	Quantitative Literacy	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	*See below	3

*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/BIO 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.**

**ART 111, HUM 110, HUM 115, HUM 120, MUS 110, PHI 215, PHI 240, or REL 110. One of these specific courses will meet the humanities/fine arts elective requirement for MRI; however, other humanities courses may be accepted as course substitutions with approval from the MRI Program Coordinator.

***Please note that while ENG 115 will fulfill requirements, it is not financial aid eligible for pre-health students and we recommend taking COM 231 instead.

****Please note that while PSY 118 will fulfill requirements, it is not financial aid eligible for pre-health students and we recommend taking PSY 150 instead.

Only courses completed by the deadline will be used for ranking. Courses must be completed with a "C" or better. There are no age limitations for BIO 165/166 or BIO 168/169.

MAT 140, MAT 161, and MAT 171 or higher can be used in lieu of MAT 143. Since MAT 143 is a 3-credit course, if a 3-credit College Algebra course is used, the grade will be multiplied by 3 hours. If the college math was 4 credit hours, like MAT 171, then the grade will be multiplied by 4 hours. Statistics courses will not count towards ranking points or transfer credit.

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 their program department chair during their first semester in the program.

- 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. **RELATED COURSES AND TEAS TOTAL SCORE WILL COMBINE TO ACCOUNT FOR 40% OF OVERALL ADMISSION SCORE. Your TEAS score report must be attached to your MAR application.**

- **Completion of MRI Information Session (0points) 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 applying to the program, you must watch the [MRI Information Session and complete the post-session survey.](#) **Once you have been added to the applicant pool, 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**.**

- Completion of Reflective Questions (20 points)

Once you have been added to the applicant pool, you will be enrolled in a Blackboard site to complete the Reflective Questions. We want to know what YOU think. As part of the Reflective Questions section, you will be enrolled in the MRI Admissions Blackboard site and complete exercises to tell us a little about you and the reason you chose MRI as a profession. Inside the Blackboard site you will 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?*

- *What exposure, background and/or experiences do you have related to the field of MRI?*

- *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 talk about a time you demonstrated it in a personal or professional way.*

- *Now that you know more about the profession, what questions do you have?*

- Direct Patient Care (10 points)

If you have healthcare experience that involves DIRECT PATIENT CARE as specified in the job description. please attach that information to the MAR application.

We must receive documentation from a 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. 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.

We must receive documentation from a 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. **Please attach this documentation to the MAR application.**

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.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RANKING AND SELECTION PROCESS

High School applicants – special note

- Follow steps 1 – 6 listed above
- In addition, make sure to wait until **AFTER** your first semester grades (January/February) are posted and have that transcript sent to the Admissions Office prior to submitting the MAR application.
- Your ranking is based on points awarded for high school courses, your weighted GPA, and your TEAS score

    You are competing ONLY against other high school students

When the MAR and TEAS score requirements are met, all current high school seniors will be ranked using the following:

1. Overall weighted GPA. A transcript must be submitted **after** completion of the first semester of the senior year to reflect the most current GPA. This transcript **must** be submitted prior to completion of the MAR application.
2. TEAS Total Score
3. Weighted grades in specific high school courses that are completed at time of MAR
   - Algebra II
   - Anatomy/Physiology
   - Biology
   - Chemistry
   - Physics
   - Health Science Occupations/Medical Career

    Course Grade points are valued as follows:

    Honors/AP Courses: A = 5 points, B = 4 points, C = 3 points
    Standard Courses: A = 4 points, B = 3 points, C = 2 points

Adding the cumulative weighted GPA, total weighted course points, and the TEAS Total Score produces the total ranking score.

One senior with the highest-ranked scores will be admitted in the fall semester only. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the higher Science Score on the TEAS will be ranked higher.

Currently enrolled high school applicants will only compete with other high school applicants.

Accepted student data from the previous year

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
2023	16	186.3-211

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.

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 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.

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 in 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. ***How do I schedule to take the TEAS at Forsyth Tech?***

   Click here to schedule your test:
   TEAS Appointment link

2. ***Once you are scheduled for the test – you will 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).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 accommodation through Forsyth Tech's Accessibility Services. Any accommodation must be confirmed by Accessibility Services and the TEAS Coordinator must be notified prior to your test date. Questions regarding accommodation can be directed to Accessibility Services in Robert L. Strickland Center, Room 2423. The TEAS Coordinator will provide test accommodations according to those guidelines confirmed by Accessibility 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 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?**

    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 attached to the MAR application.

MRI QUICK CHECKLIST

1. Complete the FTCC application.
2. Schedule and take your TEAS test.
3. Collect and attach all transcripts and documents to the MAR application.
4. Make sure you meet the NA requirements.
5. Double-check with your academic advisor, BEFORE APPLYING, to ensure that all necessary information is done!
6. Wait to hear from us if you made it to the next step CHECK YOUR FTCC E-MAIL FREQUENTLY
7. Once you have made it to part 2 of the process, you will receive an e-mail from the Program Director for MRI that directs you to a Blackboard course for reflective questions, and information.
8. Be sure you complete this in a timely manner, as this is the last step.
9. You will receive an acceptance, alternate, or denial letter. Please respond as soon as possible.
10. If you are accepted into the program, there is a lot of paperwork to complete so read the letter very carefully and start to check off your new list!