Pharmacy Technology

Summer 2024 Priority Deadline: March 22, 2024
Summer 2024 Final Review Deadline: April 21, 2024

Pharmacy Technology Admissions At-A-Glance

- Two-year Associate in Applied Science degree program.

- A maximum of 20 new students are accepted each year (start date May 20, 2024).

- Students are admitted in the order they apply, as long as they meet the minimum GPA, English readiness, Math readiness, and Biology competency requirements.

- The MAR application opens each year in January.

- Until you are accepted to Pharmacy Technology, you will be enrolled in Associate in Arts-Health Tech Track. This track allows you to take some classes prior to the official program start date.

Steps for Applying to Pharmacy Technology

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

2. Check that you meet the minimum Math, English, and Biology requirements.

3. Submit official transcripts.

4. Schedule a Personalized Advising & Planning meeting with the Program Coordinator.

5. Submit the MAR application. (You may only apply to one (1) health program at a time.)

6. Review additional information for accepted students.

Detailed information about each step is outlined on the following pages.

1. Apply to Forsyth Tech

New Students: You must apply for admission before completing the MAR application.
Former Students: Reapply if it has been more than one year since you registered for classes.
Current Students: Students registered for classes, do not need a new Admissions application.
ALL APPLICANTS should ensure their state residency determination is up to date.

Online application for admission to Forsyth Tech: **https://www.forsythtech.edu/apply-ft/**
North Carolina Residency Determination Service: **www.ncresidency.org**

2. Verify that you meet the minimum readiness requirements

Pharmacy Tech applicants must demonstrate readiness for college-level English, Math, and Biology. Your advisor can help you determine if you meet the readiness requirements.

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, MAT 152, MAT 171 (or a higher-level math).
❒ **Option 2:** You have completed or received waiver credit for <u>all </u>of 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 <u>**P2**</u>.	❒ **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's or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.	❒ **Option 5:** An earned associate's 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.

BIOLOGY COMPETENCY	
☐ **Option 1:** College-level biology course with a grade of "C" or higher.	☐ **Option 2:** High school biology class with a grade of "D" or higher.

A minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average is required for admission to Pharmacy Tech. Students who meet the English Readiness, Math Readiness, Biology Competency, and GPA requirements are eligible to submit a MAR application for Pharmacy Technology.

3. Submit official transcripts (and/or AP scores)

Electronic transcripts directly from a school or transcript company can be sent through a secure service to admissions@forsythtech.edu. Transcripts emailed by the student are not accepted.

Paper transcripts can be mailed to:

Forsyth Technical Community College
Attn: Admissions
2100 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston Salem, NC 27103-5197

Hand delivered transcripts must be in the original **sealed** envelope and taken to the Admissions & Records Office on the Main Campus.

Transcript Frequently Asked Questions

Transcript Question...	Answer
I haven't requested my high school or GED transcript yet. Do I really need to have it sent?	If you are planning to apply for financial aid, you will need your high school or GED transcript on file. We also review your transcripts to determine if you meet any English, math, or science readiness requirements. After you are accepted into your program, transcripts may be needed for some clinical sites and accreditation requirements.
I have attended two or more colleges. I already sent my transcript from College B and it shows all the classes I took at College A. Do I have to send the transcript from College A?	We need official transcripts directly from each college in order to award credit. If you are seeking transfer credit for any classes you took at College A, you must send the official transcript.

I attended four colleges previously, but I only took classes related to this program at two of them. Do I really need to send in all four of my college transcripts?	To apply to the program, you only need to submit transcripts for classes with relevant credits. Please note: all transcripts may be required after you are admitted to the program to meet clinical or accreditation requirements.
What if I am already a pharmacy technician or have already passed my Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam?	You may qualify to receive Credit for Prior Learning. Contact the Pharmacy Tech Program Coordinator after you have applied for admission to Forsyth Tech.

Your MAR Review will be based on documents in your file at the time of the review.

4. Complete a Pre-Program Advising and Planning Meeting

To learn specifics about the program, you are strongly encouraged to schedule a pre-program advising and planning meeting. The meeting will be personalized and informative. You may ask questions about class scheduling, program costs, clinical requirements, and more.

For students who are already employed or have pharmacy tech certification, this meeting will help you determine if you may be eligible to receive credit for prior learning.

Contact: **Rachel Hawkins**,
Program Coordinator for Pharmacy Technology
rhawkins@forsythtech.edu
336-757-3356

5. Submit the MAR Application

Use the link below to access the MAR Application
2024 Pharmacy Technology MAR Application
Application opens: Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Priority Deadline: March 22, 2024
Final Deadline: April 21, 2024

What to expect after submitting the application

- A confirmation message will be shown on the screen after you submit your application.

- We will communicate using your Forsyth Tech email address. Check your email daily and ensure that your phone number is updated.

- Advisors typically begin reviewing applications AFTER the priority deadline. If we review your application before the deadline, you will receive an email with a summary of your qualifications. This email will NOT indicate if you were admitted. It will only let you know that we have reviewed your application.

- It may take up to six (6) weeks after the MAR application deadline, before you are notified regarding your admission status. The email you receive will indicate if you are:
  - **Admitted**: read your letter carefully and follow all additional requirements.
  - **Alternate**: read your letter carefully and respond if requested. Continue to check your email and phone messages daily.
  - **Not admitted**: you may schedule an appointment with your advisor to discuss ways to become more competitive for the next application cycle.

General Education/Related Courses for Pharmacy Technology

Associate in Arts-Health Tech Track (AA-HT) is the correct program for students who plan to apply to Pharmacy Technology. The AA-HT program allows you to take the general education courses for your degree, and it lets us know that you intend to apply to one of the health science programs. If you have not met the minimum English, math, or science readiness requirements, you will take the needed courses while in AA-HT.

Listed below are the general education/related courses for Health Information Technology:

Related Courses for Pharmacy Technology	**Readiness Co-requisites*
ENG 111	**ENG 011
MAT 143	**MAT 043
BIO 163 or BIO 168 & 169 or BIO 165 & 166	
PSY 150 or ^PSY 118	
COM 120 or COM 231 or ^ENG 115	
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	

You are not required to take these courses prior to submitting your MAR application. They provide an opportunity for you to get a head start on your degree requirements. If you do not complete them before you apply to Pharmacy Tech, you can take them while in the program.

**ENG-011 and MAT 043 may be required co-requisites for some students in order to meet college readiness before applying to the program (Readiness, page 2).

^ENG 115 and PSY 118 are not eligible for financial aid for students in the Associate in Arts-Health Tech Track. Select one of the other courses listed for that category.

6. Additional Information for Accepted Students

Program Orientation
Orientation is scheduled for the first night of Pharmacy Technolgy classes, May 20, 2024. Accepted students will receive an email with the time and location. During orientation, students will register for classes, and learn about program policies and the Student Code of Conduct.

Academic Progression
Students enrolled in Pharmacy Tech must earn a final grade of 78 or higher in all PHM courses to remain eligible for graduation requirements.

Clinical Requirements
Students admitted to Pharmacy Technology will be required to meet additional clinical requirements to maintain their seat in the program. These requirements include a physical health assessment and required vaccinations for a clinical practicum. **Accepted students will receive the necessary paperwork, instructions, and deadlines during the program orientation.**

Background Clearance
Clinical agencies require criminal background checks and/or drug screening for students assigned to their facility for clinical education. In addition, national and/or state registry and/or licensure boards **may prohibit** eligibility for registry or licensure based on criminal background records.

Approximate Costs for Program Requirements
Some costs are listed below. Additional costs are listed on the Pharmacy Tech website.

Requirement	Details	Approximate Cost
*Current AHA BLS HCP CPR and First Aid Certification card	*Be sure to select the American Heart Association Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider Certification.*	$53
Student Medical Health Form and Immunization Records	*A medical doctor must complete the forms and include your immunization records.*	$100 - $125

Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening	*Administered by an outside vendor approved by Forsyth Tech.*	$100 - $125
Malpractice Insurance	*Required to purchase through the cashier's office.*	$18

*CPR and First Aid classes are offered at Forsyth Tech. Visit this webpage to learn more https://www.forsythtech.edu/students/courses-programs/fast-track-courses/american-heart-association-certification-courses/.

Questions about these requirements may be directed to the Program Coordinator.

Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) and Undocumented Students Policy

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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Program Accreditation Information

The Pharmacy Technology Program at Forsyth Technical Community College is accredited by ASHP/ACPE Pharmacy Technician Program Accreditation and the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board.

The program is now recognized by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) as an educational program for technicians who wish to apply for the Certified Sterile Products Technician (CSPT) Program. For more information, please go to the PTCB website.