

LPN-RN Transition Program Checklist



Below are the requirements for entry into the LPN–RN program.

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Complete Forsyth Tech Admissions Application.

Submit a FT Admissions Application if it's been more than 1 year since you have taken courses at FT.

<https://www.forsythtech.edu/students/apply/>

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Submit Transcripts.

- High School or GED
- All Colleges where program related courses were completed

Minimum Requirements: English, Math & Biology

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- Must be ready to take ENG–111 and MAT–143 without a co–requisite course, by having completed past ENG and MAT courses, a high school unweighted GPA of 2.4 or higher, test scores, and an Associate's or a bachelor's degree
- Must have a Biology class (high school D or higher, college C or higher)

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Complete All Related Courses

The following courses are the related classes. **BIO 168, BIO 169, PSY 150, and PSY 241** must be completed before you can apply. The rest are not required to be completed before you apply, but they are what make you competitive:

ENG–111, ENG–112 or ENG–114, Humanities & Fine Art Elective.

[See MAR packet for options](#)

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Complete the TEAS Exam

- Scores expire 2 years from date taken and must remain valid through the MAR application deadline.
Minimum Score requirement = 60.

[Link to schedule TEAS Exam](#)

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Submit the MAR Application (Spring '26 8/18/25 – 9/19/25 and Fall '26 1/12/26 – 3/13/26)

[Spring Application](#)

[Fall Application](#)

Additional Requirements

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Before you begin program classes, you must have:

1. Unrestricted licensure as an LPN in the state of North Carolina
2. Valid/unexpired American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Card (CPR/BLS)



LPN-RN Transition Program

Spring 2026 Deadline: September 19, 2025

Fall 2026 Deadline: March 13, 2026

The LPN-RN Transition Program is designed for practical nurses licensed in the state of North Carolina who wish to earn an Associate Degree in Nursing and complete their RN. This is a 2-semester, selective enrollment program.

Up to 35 students are admitted for the spring semester and up to 24 students for the fall semester.

All applicants must meet minimum requirements to be considered for admission. **Please note that meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.** How you earn points towards ranking is explained on [page 3](#).

Special note: Mandatory Courses: The following courses **must be completed by the time of the MAR Review with a grade of “C” or higher; BIO 168 & 169 (or 165 & 166), PSY 150, and PSY 241.** Please refer to [page 3](#) for information about these mandatory courses, as well as the other related courses in the LPN-RN program.

1. Complete an application to Forsyth Tech

New and Former students (if it's been more than 1 year since you applied or enrolled in classes) 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 submit a new application.

2. 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.

3. Check that you meet the minimum readiness levels

*****CONFIRM with your advisor if you are unsure if you meet the requirements*****

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 **at least one** of the following methods **(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):**

COLLEGE ENGLISH READINESS	COLLEGE MATHEMATICS READINESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: You have completed or received transfer credit for ENG 111.<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: You have completed or received waiver credit for <u>all</u> of the following: DRE 096, DRE 097, DRE 098<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3: You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 002 with a minimum grade of P2<input type="checkbox"/> Option 4: You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 011<input type="checkbox"/> Option 5: You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 045<input type="checkbox"/> Option 6: An earned Associate's or Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution<input type="checkbox"/> Option 7: 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><input type="checkbox"/> Option 8: Graduate of a US high school with a GPA of 2.4 or higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> 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).<input type="checkbox"/> 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 DMA050<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3: You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 003 with a minimum grade of P2<input type="checkbox"/> Option 4: You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 043<input type="checkbox"/> Option 5: You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 045Q or are currently enrolled<input type="checkbox"/> Option 5: An earned Associate's or Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution<input type="checkbox"/> 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><input type="checkbox"/> Option 7: Graduate of a US high school with a GPA of 2.4 or higher

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

When we receive the MAR application, it will be reviewed to ensure you meet the minimum requirements, including transcripts, 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 in the applicant pool.

It is highly recommended that you complete all general education courses BEFORE applying to the program. This gives you the best chance to be competitive.

If applying to more than one program (you can apply to up to three programs at a time) be sure that you have checked the MAR packet for that program to ensure that you meet the minimum requirements and have taken the necessary related courses.

4. Complete All Related Courses: Understanding the Ranking Process

When the MAR and TEAS score requirements are met, qualified applicants are ranked using a point system. Points are awarded for specific course grades **completed by the deadline**. The points come from the grades in the “**related courses**” that are part of the program and will allow you to be competitive. Your TEAS total score is then added to the related course points to give you the score that you are ranked within the competition for the program. **Keep in mind** that 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.**

1. Mandatory Courses

The following courses must be completed by the time of the MAR Review with a grade of “C” or higher. There are no age limitations for Anatomy and Physiology courses. However, to qualify for ranking points and transfer, courses must satisfy the required semester hours and descriptions. Please note that **BIO 165/166 sequence** can be used to meet this requirement, however the sequence must be completed at the same college to transfer. **BIO 163/271 combination** may also be substituted to meet the Anatomy and Physiology course requirements.

Course	Course Names	Credit Hours
BIO 168 & 169 (or BIO 165 & 166) (or BIO 163 & 271)	Anatomy & Physiology I & II	4
PSY 150	General Psychology	3
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3

2. Related Courses

Points are awarded for specific course grades **completed by the deadline with a C or better**. 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.

Related Courses	Course Names	Credit Hours
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3
ENG 112 or ENG 114	2 nd level English course	3
Humanities/Fine Arts	** (See specific list below)	3

**ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, MUS 110, MUS 112, HUM 115, PHI 215 or PHI 240. You must have one of these specific courses to meet the humanities/fine arts elective requirement for LPN-RN.

TEAS Total Score, Ranking, and Selection

- Applicants must score a minimum of **60% on the TEAS to be eligible**.
- Your TEAS score will be added to your points from your related courses to determine your total score.
- Applicants with the highest total scores will be admitted each Summer and Fall.
- In case 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, and alternates will only be admitted if space becomes available.
- Applicants who are not admitted must reapply for future consideration.

5. TEAS EXAM: Test of Essential Academic Skills

A total score of 60% or higher is required to be eligible to apply to the program.

You must attach a copy of your current TEAS score report to the MAR application

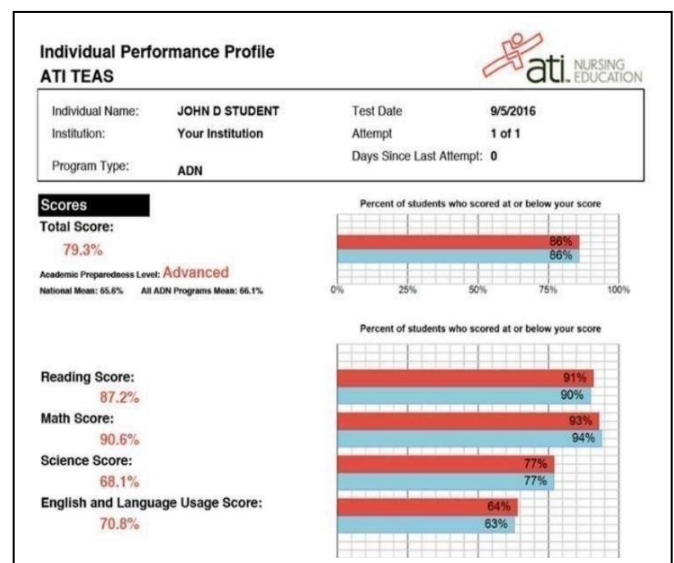
Click here to schedule your test: [Link to Schedule TEAS](#)

You must attach 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. Submit the MAR application



After completing your general education courses and taking the TEAS test, you are now ready to apply to the program.

Access the online application here:

Spring 2026 LPN-RN MAR application

Spring 2026 application is open August 18, 2025, until September 19, 2025

[Spring 2026 MAR Application](#)

Fall 2025 LPN-RN MAR application

Fall 2026 application is open January 13, 2025, until March 13, 2026

[Fall 2026 MAR Application](#)

****When your application is reviewed, it will be based on documents in your account at the time of the review. Please submit all required documents before applying to the program. ****

What to expect after submitting the application:

- Submitting the MAR application adds you to the MAR review list.
- 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 (about 1 and a half months) 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.

7. Review additional requirements for accepted students

Accepted applicants must complete and pass NC state approved Certified Nursing Assistant I or another approved healthcare training by the first day of the semester that the applicant is admitted. It is strongly recommended that you begin working on these certifications prior to acceptance to the Nursing program.

This program has the following additional requirements that will be verified by the Nursing Department at the orientation for admitted LPN-RN students:

2. Unrestricted licensure as an LPN in the state of North Carolina.
3. Valid/unexpired American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Card (CPR/BLS)

If you are unable to complete these requirements by the deadline, you will lose your seat in the program and will have to reapply for a future term. Students admitted into the LPN-RN Transition program will be given instructions from the Nursing Department on how to submit this documentation. Applicants that are not able to meet the above requirements are encouraged to apply for the admission cycle in which the requirements can be met by the deadline.

If you have questions regarding these additional requirements, please direct them to the Nursing Department. adngeneralquestions@forsythtech.edu.

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
2025	Summer: 89 Fall: 130	Summer: 157 – 175.3 Fall: 156.7 - 175
2024	Summer: 74 Fall: 120	Summer: 144.3 - 180 Fall: 155.3 - 179.3
2023	79	150 - 169.7

Estimated Cost for the LPN-RN Nursing Program

FIRST SEMESTER

Tuition (In State).....	\$380.00
Student Activity Fee.....	\$35.00
Tech Fee.....	\$30.00
Book/ATI Fees.....	\$440.00
Campus Parking.....	\$35.00
Clinical Agency Parking.....	\$20.00
Criminal Background Check.....	\$97.00
Lab Fees.....	\$154.00
Uniform	\$60.00
Liability Insurance.....	\$18.00
Estimated Expense Total	\$1,269.00

SECOND SEMESTER

Tuition (In State).....	\$760.00
Student Activity Fee.....	\$35.00
Book/ATI Fees.....	\$440.00
Tech Fee.....	\$30.00
Lab Fees.....	\$62.00
Estimated Expense Total	\$1,327.00

THIRD SEMESTER

Tuition (In State).....	\$760.00
Student Activity Fee.....	\$35.00
Tech Fee.....	\$30.00
Book/ATI Fees.....	\$440.00
Lab Fees.....	\$194.00
Uniform	\$60.00
NCLEX Fee.....	\$275.00
School Pinning Cost	\$150.00
Estimated Expense Total	\$1,944.00

ESTIMATED TOTAL \$4,540.00