Pharmacy Tech MAR Checklist

This checklist gives an overview of the steps to apply for a Pharmacy Tech MAR Review.

☐ **Apply for Admission to Forsyth Tech**

- Apply for admission if you are new to Forsyth Tech or if it has been more than one year since you registered for classes.
- **https://www.forsythtech.edu/students/apply/**

☐ **Submit Transcripts to Admissions & Records**

- Submit high school transcripts, GED scores, and/or an official AP exam score report.
- If you completed any of the related courses at another college, submit those college transcripts to be evaluated for transfer credit.

☐ **Meet Minimum Requirements for English, Math, Biology, and GPA**

- **English and Math**: If you have one of the following: passed college-level English and math classes; you finished high school with a 2.4 or higher Unweighted GPA; you earned an Associate or Bachelor's degree; you made appropriate scores on a Forsyth Tech placement test.
  - You may need to enroll in ENG-045 + ENG-111 and MAT-045Q + MAT-143 if you have not met the minimum requirements.
- **Biology**: You must have passed a Biology class in college with a grade of C or higher or in high school with a grade of D or higher. If you have not met the requirement, enroll in BIO-163 before you apply.
- **Academic Standing:** Students must be in good academic standing at the start of the program. If a student is on Academic Probation or Academic Suspension at the time of the program's start in the Fall, their seat will be deferred.

☐ **Schedule a Pre-Program Advising and Planning Meeting**

- Meet with the Program Coordinator for Pharmacy Tech to discuss specifics about the program. If you already have pharmacy certifications, you can discuss potential credit for prior learning.
- Email the Program Coordinator, Rachel Hawkins, at rhawkins@forsythtech.edu to schedule a meeting.

☐ **Submit the MAR Application**

- The application opens on January 12, 2026. Students who are certain that they want to enroll in Pharmacy Tech are encouraged to apply early. The final deadline to apply is May 15, 2026.
- Log into TechLink before clicking the link below.
- **Pharmacy Technology 2026 MAR Application**

☐ **Complete Related Courses**

- **It is encouraged, but not required that ENG-111 and BIO-163 be completed by the deadline .** Students are encouraged to start these courses below before being officially enrolled in the program.
- **MAT 143** / **PSY 150** / **COM 120 or 231** / **Humanities & Fine Arts**
- See page 5 in the MAR packet for more general education / related course options.

☐ **Check your Forsyth Tech email regularly**

- After your MAR application is reviewed, you will receive an email with a summary of your qualifications. Be sure to follow any additional instructions provided in the email and promptly notify the reviewer of any concerns.

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Priority Deadline: **March 13, 2026**
Final Review Deadline: **May 15, 2026**

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Option	Diploma Option
• Daytime and Evening Classes • Multimodal Didactic | In-Person Labs • Main Campus - 20 Students	• Daytime and Evening Classes • Multimodal Didactic | In-Person Labs • Main Campus - 20 Students

➢ **Both options prepare students to take the Pharmacy Tech Certification Board (PTCB) exam**
➢ **Students may only apply for one path; however, all students will earn the Pharmacy Technology Diploma**

Pharmacy Technology Admissions Information

- Pharmacy Tech is a one- year Diploma or two-year Associate in Applied Science degree program.

- A maximum of **20** new students are accepted each year (start date August 2026).

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

- Lecture classes are multimodal, with in-person lab sessions.

- Clinical rotations occur in the Spring semester. Students are expected to complete an average of 24 clinical hours per week.

- The MAR application opens each January on the first day of classes.

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

1. Apply to Forsyth Tech

New Students: You must be admitted to Forsyth Tech before completing a MAR application.

Former Students: Reapply if it has been more than one year since you registered for classes.

Current Students: Students who are currently 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 and Math. Your advisor can help you determine if you meet the readiness requirements.

Student must be in good Academic Standing and not on Academic Probation or Suspension.

COLLEGE ENGLISH READINESS	COLLEGE MATHEMATICS READINESS
❐ **Option 1:** You have completed or received transfer credit for ENG 111. ❐ **Option 2:** You have completed or received waiver credit for <u>all </u>of the following: DRE 096, DRE 097, DRE 098. ❐ **Option 3:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 002 with a minimum grade of <u>**P2**</u>. ❐ **Option 4:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 011 or ENG 045 ❐ **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 7:** Graduate of a US high school with a GPA of 2.4 or higher.	❐ **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: DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, DMA 040, and DMA 050. ❐ **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 MAT 043 or MAT-045Q ❐ **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 7:** Graduate of a US high school with a GPA of 2.4 or higher.

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

Electronic transcripts can be sent directly from a school or transcript management company 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 dropped off at the Student Care desk on the Main Campus.

Transcript Recommendations

- We strongly recommend that you submit an official high school transcript or GED scores. Transcripts can help us determine whether you have met the minimum readiness requirements.

- If you have completed any of ==the related courses at== another college, we must have the official transcripts on file to review for transfer credit.

- For students who took AP exams in high school, an official College Board score report must be on file to review for transfer credit.

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, schedule a pre-program advising and planning meeting with the Program Coordinator. This 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 in pharmacy or have pharmacy tech certifications, this meeting will help determine if you may be eligible to receive credit for prior learning.

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Contact: **Rachel Hawkins**,
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5. Submit the MAR Application

Log into TechLink before clicking on the link to apply.
Application opens: January 12, 2026

[2026 Pharmacy Technology MAR Application](#)
Priority Deadline: March 13, 2026. Final Deadline: May 15, 2026.

Students who are certain that they want to enroll in Pharmacy Tech are encouraged to apply by March 13, 2026, for the best chance of admission. Qualified students who apply by the final deadline will only be admitted if seats are available.

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 keep your phone number up to date in MyForsythTech.
- Advisors might not review applications until after the MAR deadline. Please be patient.
- Once we review your application, we will send an email with a summary of your qualifications and an admissions decision. Review this information carefully and contact your advisor if you have questions. Be sure to follow any instructions given in the email.

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. If you have not met the minimum English, math, or science readiness requirements, you will take the minimum courses while in AA-HT.

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.

Listed below are the general education/related courses for Pharmacy Technology

Related Courses for Pharmacy Technology	Course Title	Credit Hours	Notes
ENG 111- encouraged completion by deadline	Writing and Inquiry	3	*ENG-045 may be a required co-requisite for students who do not meet the minimum readiness requirement.*
BIO 163 - encouraged completion by deadline	Basic Anatomy & Physiology	3	*BIO 168 + 169 or BIO 165 + 166 will be accepted as a substitute.*
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	5	*MAT-045Q may be a required co-requisite* if minimum readiness is not met
PSY 150 or PSY 118	Psychology	3	*PSY 118 is not eligible for financial aid for AA-Health Tech Track students.*
COM 120 or COM 231 or ENG 115	Communications	3	*ENG 115 is not eligible for financial aid for AA-Health Tech Track students.*
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	One Humanities or Fine Arts Class	3	*Most classes in the ART, HUM, MUS, PHI, or REL categories can be used to satisfy this requirement.*

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6. Additional Information for Accepted Students

Program Orientation
The Pharmacy Tech Orientation is scheduled for <mark>Tuesday, June 16, 2026</mark>. Students who are accepted to start Pharmacy Tech this Fall will be required to attend. During orientation, students will register for classes, review the additional requirements, and learn about the Student Code of Conduct.

<mark>**Save the Date**: **Tuesday, June 16, 20**</mark>**26**, 10am-12pm Pharmacy Tech Orientation. Location and start time will be shared with students who are admitted this year.

Academic Progression
Students enrolled in Pharmacy Tech must earn a final grade of 80% or higher in all PHM courses to progress through the program and 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 health care provider must complete the forms and include your immunization records.*	$100 - $125
Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening	*Administered by an outside vendor that has been approved by Forsyth Tech.*	$100 - $125
Malpractice Insurance	*Required to purchase through the Forsyth Tech 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/

Additional details and specific requirements will be discussed during the ==Pharmacy Tech Orientation on Tuesday, **June 16, 2026**==.

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.