

**CARDIOVASCULAR SONOGRAPHY -
ADULT ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY DIPLOMA
MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (MAR)**

MAR Application Deadline

Fall 2027: May 15, 2027

Cardiovascular Sonography - Adult Echocardiography is a selective-admission, one-year diploma program that begins each fall. The program accepts **5 applicants every fall semester**. Applicants must have completed or be currently enrolled in the final semester of an A.A.S. degree in a health field or a bachelor's degree in any field by the deadline date.

The Cardiovascular Sonography - Adult Echocardiography program does not reserve seats for high school seniors.

You must meet all the requirements to apply. Meeting requirements does **not** guarantee admission.

You may apply for a maximum of three selective admissions programs at the same time and must review the MAR packet for each program to confirm that you meet each program's requirements.

Application Checklist

The following items must be completed to apply to the Cardiovascular Sonography/Adult Echocardiography Program:

☐	Submit the Forsyth Tech Application
☐	Submit Official Transcripts
☐	Complete All Related Courses (Mandatory)
☐	Complete the TEAS Exam
☐	Submit the MAR Application

Step 1 - Submit the Forsyth Tech Application

You must [apply](#) if you are a new student.

Keep in mind you need to apply a few days before the deadline to allow time for application processing and creation of your Forsyth Tech account, which is required to submit a MAR application.

You must [apply](#) if you are a former student and it has been over a year since you last applied to or were enrolled at Forsyth Tech.

You do not need to apply if you are a currently enrolled student.

Step 2 - Submit Official Transcripts

You must submit:

- Official high school or GED transcript for placement requirements
- Official college transcripts for related courses
 - Undergraduate courses only; no graduate-level courses
- Official AP scores from the College Board, if applicable

There are three options for submitting transcripts:

1. Submit transcripts electronically via a secure service by emailing admissions@forsythtech.edu
2. Drop off paper transcripts in a sealed envelope to the Admissions and Records Office on Main Campus
3. Mail transcripts to the following address:
Forsyth Technical Community College
ATTN: Admissions
2100 Silas Creek Pkwy
Winston-Salem NC 27103-5197

Step 3 - Complete Related Courses

Completing all related courses before applying is **mandatory**.

Related courses must be completed with a grade of C or better to receive points. If a course is repeated, the highest grade earned will be accepted.

Related Courses	Course Names	Credit Hours
BIO-163*	Basic Anatomy & Physiology	5
ENG-111	Writing and Inquiry	3
MAT-171 or higher	Precalculus Algebra	4
Any College Physics	Physics	4

**BIO-168 & BIO-169 or BIO-165 & BIO-166 are also accepted. However, BIO-165 & BIO-166 must be completed at the same institution to transfer. There is no age limitation on BIO-163, BIO-165/166, or BIO-168/169.*

Points are assigned for grades as follows: A = 4 points; B = 3 points; C = 2 points.

Points are assigned for AP credit as follows: 5 = 4 points; 4 = 3 points; 3 = 2 points.

Points from grades and/or AP credit are multiplied by the course's credit hours (*see table above*).

Students currently enrolled in an Allied Health AAS program or a bachelor's degree program must be in their final semester of the program and expected to graduate by June 1, 2027.

Additional Points

Points will also be awarded for eligible certifications and activities completed:

- **10 points: Completion of NA I Course**
 - The possession of a higher-level certification, such as but not limited to Certified Nursing Assistant I or II, Certified Medical Assistant (CMA), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT B or I), Paramedic, or Military Corpsman, may also qualify for the 10 points with verification of a valid and current registry.
- **10 points: Volunteering in the Scanning Lab**
 - Additional points will be awarded to participate as a volunteer for the scanning lab. These volunteer scan labs are done during the spring semester. Please contact Clinical Education Coordinator Barbara Rix at Brix@forsythtech.edu for the January schedule. The time slots are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are uncertain whether you meet any of these requirements, you must consult with your assigned advisor prior to submitting your MAR application.

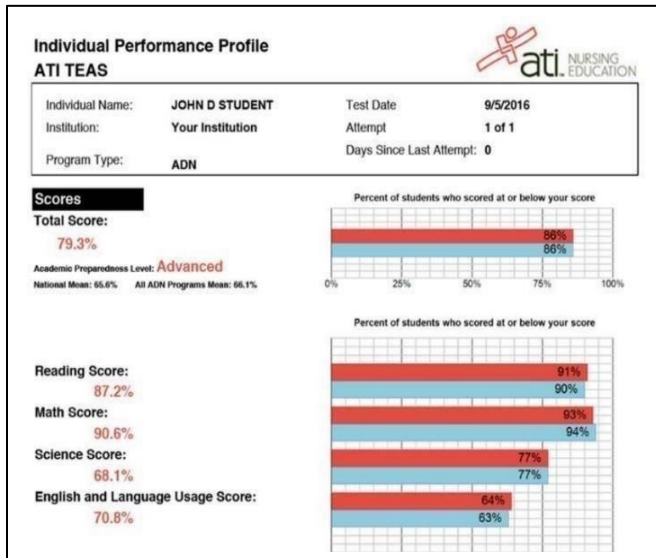
Step 4 - Complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS Exam)

Click [HERE](#) to read about the TEAS and schedule your test.

You must achieve a score of **70% or higher**. **TEAS scores must remain valid through the deadline.**

Download your Individual Performance Profile (*see example below*). This report includes scores for all four test sections (Reading, Math, Science, and English Language Usage) and your overall score.

Attach a copy of the report to your MAR application.



TEAS tests taken at Forsyth Tech are not automatically submitted and must still be uploaded with the MAR application. **Preliminary scores will not be accepted.**

Step 5 - Submit the MAR Application

Use the link below to submit your MAR application and other documentation.

Application Link	Opens	Closes
Fall 2027 MAR Application	March 15, 2027	May 15, 2027

You must include all required documentation in your application.

After you've submitted your MAR application, you will be added to the MAR review list.

Your paperwork will be sent to your Forsyth Tech email after your MAR application has been reviewed. The review process runs continuously throughout the application period and may continue for up to a few weeks after the deadline. Please be patient and do not expect immediate notification.

How You Are Ranked for Admission:

- Your related coursework plus additional points determines 60% of the score. Your TEAS score determines 40% of the score. Adding them together determines the total ranking score.

Component	Weight	Calculation	Weighted Score
Points from Related Courses + Additional Points	60%	$(64 + 10) \times 0.60$	44.4
TEAS Score	40%	89×0.40	35.6
Total Ranking Score	100%	$44.4 + 35.6$	80

Example Calculation: A student earns **64 course points** plus **10 additional points**, for a total of **74**. Sixty percent of 74 is **44.4**. With a **TEAS score of 89**, forty percent of that equals **35.6**. The student's **Total Ranking Score** is **80**. (Note: $44.4 + 35.6 = 80$.)

- To estimate your admission points, use the [MAR calculator](#).
Note: This calculator is intended only as an estimation tool and is not officially connected to the MAR review process.
- Admissions points are not awarded for CPR certifications
- In the event of a tie, the applicant with the highest score on the science portion of the TEAS will be ranked higher
- Applicants with the highest admission points will be offered a seat in the program

Within six weeks after the deadline, you will be notified of your status: admitted, alternate, or not admitted.

If you are admitted to the program, then your admission letter will include further detailed instructions. Be sure to meet all deadlines and requirements outlined in the letter to secure your spot in the program.

If you are placed on the alternate list, you will be contacted by phone or via your Forsyth Tech email if a seat becomes available.

If you are not admitted, then you must submit a new MAR application for future consideration.

Accepted Student Data from the Previous 3 years

Please note that this data is provided for informational purposes only. Points and criteria may differ from year to year. It is advisable for students to aim to accumulate as many points as possible to remain competitive.

Year	Number of Qualified Applicants	Point Range of Accepted Students
2026	32	60.88 – 86.68
2025	10	60.88 – 86.68
2024	6	66.2 – 80.52

Additional Requirements for Admitted Students

Before the first day of the semester, students admitted into the program must:

- Complete an NC-approved Nursing Assistant I course. (Does not require registry listing)
- Have current American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR certification

It is highly recommended to begin working toward these certifications prior to acceptance into the Cardiovascular Sonography program. NA I and CPR courses fill up quickly.

All admitted students must provide the required documentation to the Cardiovascular Sonography Program Coordinator by the deadline outlined in the admission letter to verify completion of these requirements. Failure to fulfill the requirements by the deadline may result in your seat being forfeited.

Click [HERE](#) for information about Forsyth Tech's NA I and CPR courses.

We will accept the following alternative certifications within the last 5 years:

- Certified Nursing Assistant I or II
- Certified Medical Assistant (CCMA is not accepted)
- EMT (B or I)
- Paramedic
- Military Corpsman

Technical Standards

The Health Sciences Division Technical Standards are not inclusive; however, they provide prospective students with an understanding of the programs' physical and emotional demands. The functions are considered essential requirements for admission, retention, and graduation, as they ensure that students receive safe, competent, and effective treatment interventions. Accepted students will be asked to acknowledge their ability to meet these technical standards. Click [HERE](#) to review the technical standards.