Forsyth Tech COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DENTAL HYGIENE

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (MAR)

MAR Application Deadline

Fall 2027: May 15, 2027

Dental Hygiene is a competitive admission, 2-year associate degree program that begins each fall.

16 Applicants are accepted each fall semester. 2 seats are designated for Surry CC applicants. The Dental hygiene program does not reserve seats for high school seniors; however, high school seniors who have completed the college courses listed in this packet may compete with other college students for admission.

You must meet the minimum requirements to apply. Meeting minimum 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 Dental Hygiene Program:

☐	**Submit the Forsyth Tech Application**
☐	**Submit Official Transcripts**
☐	**Meet Minimum Requirements for English, Math, Biology, and Chemistry**
☐	**Complete All Related Courses (Recommended, but Optional)**
☐	**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 - Meet Minimum Requirements for English, Math, and Biology

You must demonstrate college-readiness in English and math through one of the following methods:

College English Readiness	College Math Readiness
Completed or received transfer credit for ENG-111	Completed or received transfer credit for MAT-143, MAT-152, MAT-171, or higher
Completed or received non-course credit for ENG-011 or ENG-045	Completed or received non-course credit for MAT-043 or MAT-045Q
Earned an associate or bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution	
Graduated from a US high school with an unweighted GPA of 2.4 or higher	
Completed a placement test with appropriate scores. *If the placement test was completed at a different college,* *you are required to submit those scores to Forsyth Tech's Admissions and Records Office.*	

You must demonstrate biology and chemistry competency through one of the following methods:

Biology and Chemistry Competency
Completed college-level BIO and CHM courses with a grade of C or better
Completed high school-level BIO and CHM courses with a grade of D or better

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 Related Courses

Completing related courses before applying is not mandatory but is strongly recommended for a competitive rank.

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

Related Courses	Course Names	Credit Hours
BIO-163*	Anatomy & Physiology I	5
ENG-111	Writing and Inquiry	3
PSY-150	General Psychology	3
BIO-175 or BIO-275	General Microbiology	3
CHM-131/131A#	Chemistry	4
COM-231 or COM-120	Communications	3
SOC-210	Intro to Sociology	3
Humanities/Fine Arts^	Various	3

**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.*

#CHM-151 or CHM-130 & CHM-130A are also accepted.

^HUM-115 or PHI-240 are the preferred Humanities/Fine Arts options, but other courses may be accepted, such as ART-111, ENG-231, ENG-232, HUM-110, HUM-120, MUS-110, PHI-215 or REL-111

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*).

Additional Points

Points will also be awarded for eligible certifications and degrees completed. Points for degrees will be awarded based on the highest credential attained, and certifications must be current.

- 4 points: Completion of bachelor's degree
- 2 points: Completion of associate degree
- 3 points: Certified Dental Assisting Certification (only DANB accepted)
- 3 points: CNA I or Paramedic
- 1 point: EMT Certification

Points from all related courses, eligible certifications, and degrees are added together with your overall TEAS score to get your admission rank.

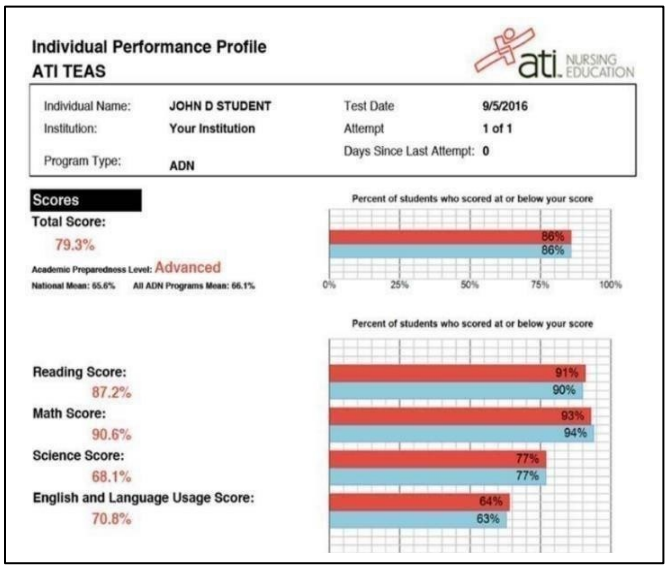
Step 5 - Complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS Exam)

Click HERE to read about the TEAS and schedule your test.

You must achieve a score of **70% or higher total score, 50% or higher Science score. 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 6 - 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 overall TEAS score is added to points earned from related coursework, and additional points to determine your admission points
  - 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	180	197 – 203.3
2025	113	187 – 201.3
2024	78	186 – 202

Additional Requirements for Admitted Students

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

- 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 program. Courses fill up quickly.

All admitted students must provide the required documentation to the Dental Hygiene Program Coordinator by the deadline specified 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 CPR courses.

Students admitted to the program must complete the following requirements after acceptance:

- **Drug Screening and Criminal Background Check:** Students will be required to complete a drug test and criminal background check. Instructions and deadlines will be provided after acceptance.
- **Physical Examination and Immunizations:** Students must complete a physical examination with their medical provider. Bloodwork will be required to verify immunity to **Tdap, MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis B**. Students must also receive any vaccinations or immunizations needed to meet program and clinical requirements.
- **Dental Examination:** Students must complete a dental examination and cleaning.
- **Vision Examination:** Students must complete a vision examination.

All requirements must be completed by the deadlines provided by the program. Failure to complete these requirements may affect a student's ability to participate in clinical experiences or continue in the program.

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.