PHARMACY TECHNOLOGY
MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (MAR)

MAR Application Deadline
Fall 2027: March 15, 2027

Pharmacy Tech is a one-year Diploma or a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree program. Both options prepare students to take the Pharmacy Tech Certification Board Exam (PTCB). Applicants may apply to only one path; however, all students will earn the Pharmacy Technology Diploma.

20 Students are admitted each year for the fall semester. Applicants are admitted on a first-qualified, first-accepted basis. Students who are certain they want to enroll in Pharmacy Technology are encouraged to apply when the application opens. Qualified students who apply by the final deadline of March 15 will only be admitted if seats are available.

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 Pharmacy Technology Program:

☐	**Submit the Forsyth Tech Application**
☐	**Submit Official Transcripts**
☐	**Meet Minimum Requirements for English, Math, and Biology**
☐	**Complete All Related Courses (Recommended, but Optional)**
☐	**Attend a Pre-Program Advising & Planning Session (Optional)**
☐	**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 competency through one of the following methods:

Biology Competency
Completed college-level BIO course with a grade of C or better
Completed high school-level BIO course 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 recommended.

Completing English and Anatomy & Physiology before program enrollment is strongly encouraged.

Related Courses	Course Names	Credit Hours
BIO-163 or BIO-168 and BIO-169*	Basic Anatomy & Physiology	5
ENG-111	Writing and Inquiry	3
MAT-143	Quantitative Literacy	3
PSY-150 or PSY-118#	General Psychology	3
COM-120 or COM-231^	Public Speaking	3
CIS-110	Intro to Computers	3
Humanities/Fine Arts	Various	3

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

#PSY-118 is not financial aid eligible under the A10100HT AA-Health Tech program pathway

^ COM-120 or COM-231 is the preferred communication option, but ENG-112 and ENG-115 are accepted.

HUM-115, HUM-110, HUM-120, PHI-240, and REL-110 are preferred Humanities and Fine Arts options.

Step 5 – Attend a Personalized Pre-Program Advising and Planning Meeting

To learn specifics about the program, students can schedule a pre-program advising and planning meeting. The meeting will be personalized and informative. You can ask questions about Pharmacy Technology classes, scheduling, and clinical requirements. To schedule a meeting, please contact:

Rachel Hawkins, Program Coordinator

(336)757-3356, rhawkins@*forsythtech.edu*

Step 6 – Submit the MAR Application

Use the link below to submit your MAR application

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

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:

- This program has limited enrollment. When the MAR application opens, admissions will be offered to qualified applicants in the order their completed applications are received, until all available seats are filled.

Within a few weeks after the deadline, you will be notified of your status: admitted or alternate. 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.

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 start of the program in the Fall, their seat will be deferred.

Additional Requirements for Admitted Students

Program Orientation

Students who are accepted to start Pharmacy Tech this Fall will be required to attend an orientation. During orientation, students will register for classes, review the additional requirements, and learn about the Student Code of Conduct. The location and time will be shared with admitted students.

Academic Progression

Daytime and evening classes are available. 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. 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. **Accepted students will receive information about these requirements at the program orientation.** The required criteria include:

- CPR (Click HERE for information about Forsyth Tech's CPR courses)
- Physical Health Assessment
- Required Vaccinations
- Criminal background check and drug testing

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.

Program costs are listed on the Pharmacy Technology website.

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.