RESPIRATORY THERAPY
MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (MAR)

MAR Application Deadline

Fall 2027: May 15, 2027

The Respiratory Therapy program is a competitive admissions 2-year degree program.

The program **accepts 20 to 30 applicants each fall semester**.

2 seats are reserved for graduating high school seniors. See High School Seniors on page 8.

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 Respiratory Therapy Program:

☐	**Submit the Forsyth Tech Application**
☐	**Submit Official Transcripts**
☐	**Meet Minimum Requirements for English, Math, and Biology**
☐	**Complete All Related Courses (Recommended, but Optional)**
☐	**Complete Respiratory Therapy Information Session**
☐	**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-045
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 strongly recommended for a competitive rank.

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 or BIO-168 &169*	Basic Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ENG-111	Writing and Inquiry	3
COM-120 or COM-231 or ENG-112 or ENG-115^	Communication/English	3
PSY-150 or PSY-118^	General Psychology	3
CHM-131/131A#	Chemistry	3
Humanities/Fine Arts†	Various	3

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

^ ENG-115 and PSY-118 are not covered by financial aid under A10100HT

#CHM-151 will also be accepted.

†HUM-115 (Critical Thinking) or PHI-240 (Intro to Ethics) is the preferred Humanities/Fine Arts option; ART-111, HUM-110, MUS-110, PHI-215 and REL-110 are accepted.

Applicants are ranked using a points system based on grades in related courses and additional points completed by the application deadline.

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*).

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Additional Points

Points will be awarded for completion of the criteria listed below. **These criteria are not admission requirements for the program.** Appropriate documentation must be submitted to receive points.

Degrees: Points will be awarded based on the **highest academic credential earned**. Students will receive points for only one degree and will not receive additional points for multiple degrees.

- 7 Points: Completion of a master's degree or higher
- 5 Points: Completion of a bachelor's degree
- 3 Points: Completion of an associate degree
- 1 Point: Completion of a diploma

Certifications:

- 5 Points: Licensed Paramedic or Registered Nurse
- 3 Points: Licensed Practical Nurse, or Certified Medical Assistant
- 2 Points: Certified Pharmacy Technician, EMT, Phlebotomist, or CNA II
- 1 Point: CNA I

Step 5 – Online Respiratory Therapy Information Session

Before applying, please take a few minutes to watch the **Respiratory Therapy Informational Video**. This video provides an overview of the program, what to expect as a Respiratory Therapy student, and the education and training involved. It also highlights the various career opportunities and work settings available to Respiratory Therapists.

We encourage you to watch the video to learn more about the profession and determine if Respiratory Therapy is the right career path for you. Click HERE to view the orientation session video.

Step 6 - Submit the MAR Application

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

Application Link	Opens	Closes
Fall 2027 MAR Application	March 15, 2027	May 15, 2027
High School Senior 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 points earned from related coursework and any additional points are added together 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 certification
- In the event of a tie, the applicant with the higher related course points 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	116	77 - 89
2025	87	75 - 90
2024	55	70 - 84

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.

High School Seniors

1. Submit the Forsyth Tech General Application, and follow steps 3-5
2. Submit your high school transcripts to the Admissions and Records Office **AFTER** your first semester grades (Jan/Feb) are posted and **PRIOR** to submitting the MAR application.

Ranking

Currently enrolled high school applicants will **only** compete with other high school applicants.

Ranking is based on points awarded for grades in the specific high school courses listed below, cumulative weighted GPA, and any additional points.

- Algebra II/Math 3
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- English 3
- Health Science/Health Occupations/Medical

Course grades are valued as follows:

- Honors/AP Courses: A = 5 points, B = 4 points, C = 3 points
- Standard Courses: A = 4 points, B = 3 points, C = 2 points

Selection

- The **two** seniors with the highest-ranked scores will be admitted in the fall semester.
- In the event of a tie, the applicant with the highest course points will be ranked higher
- Selected students are contacted via Forsyth Tech email.