



TCAT Athens Cost Sheet

2026-2027

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

This Cost Sheet is an overview of the Cost of Attendance for the program and includes Direct Costs and Indirect Costs. Not all costs are charged through TCAT Athens.

The Carpenter Helper Certificate requires completion of the 1st trimester (432 hours). The Carpenter Diploma requires completion through the 3rd trimester (1,296 hours). The Plumber Helper Certificate requires completion through the 4th trimester (1,728 hours). The Electrician Helper Certificate and General Construction Diploma requires completion through the 5th trimester (2,160 hours).

Direct Costs are charged directly to the student by the school (tuition, fees) to which Financial Aid is directly applied. If a student has more in Financial Aid than direct costs, a Financial Aid Refund is issued 6 weeks into a trimester and may be used to pay for Indirect Costs.

Indirect Costs are not charged by the school (tools, uniforms, testing fees, books, etc). Students may pay for indirect costs using a financial aid refund (if applicable) or self pay.

Textbooks may be purchased through the TCAT Athens online bookstore using Financial Aid (if applicable) or self-pay. Students are not required to purchase books through the bookstore. Students who purchase books from outside sources must pay out of pocket.

\$ = Direct costs charged by school.

*** = Costs eligible for TN Promise & TCAT Reconnect (Tuition/Technology Fee/Student Activity Fee ONLY).**

1st TRIMESTER		432 Total Clock Hours
Carpenter Helper		Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
TUITION & FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)		
*Tuition/Maintenance Fee \$	\$1,446.00	Due before 1st Day
*Technology Fee \$	\$85.00	Due before 1st Day
*Student Activity Fee \$	\$10.00	Due before 1st Day
TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**		
Masonry Level 1 with NCCERConnect with Pearson eText Access Card (ISBN 9780137310616)	\$131.24	Approximate
Introduction to Basic Construction Skills with NCCERConnect Access Code Card (ISBN 9780137474592)	\$116.24	Approximate
TOOLS: (estimated cost & subject to change; not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$448.55	Approximate

SUPPLIES (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

Boots	\$150.00	Approximate
Johnson Level Building Calculator	\$52.00	Approximate

TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change)

OSHA 10 Certification Test \$	\$59.00	Approximate
NCCER Certification Testing \$	\$45.00	Approximate

1st Trimester Estimated Total: \$2,543.03

2nd TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

TUITION & FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)

*Tuition/Maintenance Fee \$	\$1,446.00	Due before 1st Day
*Technology Fee \$	\$85.00	Due before 1st Day
*Student Activity Fee \$	\$10.00	Due before 1st Day

TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**

Carpentry 5e, Level 1: Hardcover Trainee Guide PLUS NCCER Connect Access Code Card	\$131.23	Approximate
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TOOLS: (estimated cost & subject to change; not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$131.15	Approximate
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TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change)

NCCER Certification Testing \$	\$45.00	Approximate
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2nd Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,848.38

3rd TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours

Carpenter

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm

TUITION & FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)

*Tuition/Maintenance Fee \$	\$1,446.00	Due before 1st Day
*Technology Fee \$	\$85.00	Due before 1st Day
*Student Activity Fee \$	\$10.00	Due before 1st Day

TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**

Carpentry 5e, Level 2: Paperback Trainee Guide PLUS NCCERConnect Access Code Card (ISBN 9780134539720)	\$166.24	Approximate
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TOOLS: (estimated cost & subject to change; not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$723.75	Approximate
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TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change)

NCCER Certification Testing \$	\$55.00	Approximate
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3rd Trimester Estimated Total: \$2,485.99

4th TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours
Plumber Helper
Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
TUITION & FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)

*Tuition/Maintenance Fee \$	\$1,446.00	Due before 1st Day
*Technology Fee \$	\$85.00	Due before 1st Day
*Student Activity Fee \$	\$10.00	Due before 1st Day

TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**

Plumbing Level 1 Revised 4/e with NCCERConnect with Pearson eText Access Code Card (ISBN 9780137310708)	\$131.24	Approximate
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TOOLS: (estimated cost & subject to change; not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$177.98	Approximate
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TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change)

NCCER Certification Testing \$	\$60.00	Approximate
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4th Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,910.22

5th TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours
Electrician Helper / General Construction
Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
TUITION & FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)

*Tuition/Maintenance Fee \$	\$1,446.00	Due before 1st Day
*Technology Fee \$	\$85.00	Due before 1st Day
*Student Activity Fee \$	\$10.00	Due before 1st Day

TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**

NCCERConnect with Pearson eText Card Electrical Level 1 (ISBN 9780137310623)	\$131.24	Approximate
Ugly's Electrical Reference 2026 Edition (ISBN 9781284315752) optional	\$24.32	Approximate

TOOLS: (estimated cost & subject to change; not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$193.63	Approximate
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TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change)

NCCER Certification Testing \$	\$60.00	Approximate
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5th Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,950.19

Total Estimated Program Cost for Carpenter Helper Certificate	\$2,543.03
Total Estimated Program Cost for Carpenter Diploma	\$6,877.40
Total Estimated Program Cost for Plumber Helper Certificate	\$8,787.62
Total Estimated Program Cost for Electrician Helper Certificate & General Construction Diploma	\$10,737.81

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED COSTS FOR ENTIRE PROGRAM

Program Length:	20 months (2,160 Clock Hours)
Tuition & Fees: (can be covered by TN Promise & TCAT Reconnect if eligible)	\$7,705.00
Textbooks:	\$831.75
Tools & Supplies: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)	\$1,877.06
Testing Fees:	\$324.00
Estimated Total:	\$10,737.81

1st TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

Tools and supplies must be purchased from outside sources. Cost is estimated and subject to change.

Tools are NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Hard Hat	1	\$18.73
Safety Glasses	1	\$9.98
Utility Knife	1	\$8.73
Hammer Framing	1	\$44.98
Speed Square	1	\$12.48
Framing Square	1	\$16.23
Tape Measure	1	\$13.73
Carpenter Belt	1	\$49.98
Drill/Driver Combo	1	\$211.25
Multi-Bit Set	1	\$24.98
2 ft Level	1	\$27.48
Carpenter's Pencil-Irwin 6 piece	1	\$10.00
Estimated Total:		\$448.55

2nd TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

Tools and supplies must be purchased from outside sources. Cost is estimated and subject to change.

Tools are NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Wrecking Bar	1	\$37.48
Flat Bar	1	\$19.98
Wood Chisel	1	\$27.48
Nail Sets	1	\$14.98
Paddle Bits	1	\$31.23
Estimated Total:		\$131.15

3rd TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

Tools and supplies must be purchased from outside sources. Cost is estimated and subject to change.

Tools are NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Cordless Combo Set	1	\$723.75
Estimated Total:		\$723.75

4th TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

Tools and supplies must be purchased from outside sources. Cost is estimated and subject to change.

Tools are NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Pipe Cutter & Deburr	1	\$37.48
Hacksaw	1	\$24.98
Hacksaw Blades	1	\$17.48
Pipe Wrenches	1	\$29.96
Adjustment Wrench	1	\$34.98
Tongue & Groove Pliers	1	\$33.10
Estimated Total:		\$177.98

5th TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

Tools and supplies must be purchased from outside sources. Cost is estimated and subject to change.

Tools are NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Voltage Meter & Outlet Tester	1	\$56.23
Wire Strippers	1	\$27.48
Linemans	1	\$44.98
Needle Nose Pliers	1	\$18.73
Crimpers	1	\$21.23
Allen Wrenches Standard & Metric	1	\$24.98
Estimated Total:		\$193.63

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

To apply for financial aid, complete the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov>.

Completing the FAFSA automatically applies you for federal and state aid.

Enter the federal school code 005358 as your 1st school of choice.

A FAFSA must be filed for every year financial aid is needed.

For free FAFSA assistance, please contact Darlene White with the Educational Opportunity Center at (423) 435-8442 or by email at jwhit195@utk.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. The cost of attendance includes direct and indirect costs. Direct costs are fixed expenses that are paid directly to the school (tuition and fees). Indirect costs are not paid directly to the school (books, supplies, tools, uniforms, testing fees, etc. because they must be purchased from other sources).
2. Costs listed above for textbooks, testing fees, tools, etc. are estimated and subject to change without notice.
3. TCAT-Athens does not participate in ANY Federal Student Loan Programs or Federal Work Study Program.
4. Tuition rates are set by the Tennessee Board of Regents. Tuition costs usually increase annually in September.
5. All account charges (tuition, fees, special academic fees, etc.) are due by the beginning of each term if not covered by financial aid, VA, WIOA, or other 3rd party.
6. TCAT-Athens reserves the right to change required textbooks due to price increases and curriculum changes.
7. TN Promise and TN Reconnect are last dollar grants/scholarships that will pay for mandatory tuition and fees after all other financial aid has been awarded (federal, state, institutional, etc.). They will not pay for books, special academic fees, tools, uniforms, supplies, testing fees, etc.
8. TCAT-Athens does not sell tools, uniforms, supplies, etc. Please make arrangements to purchase these items from outside sources and have them per your instructor's required date.
9. Students planning to use a financial aid refund (if eligible) to purchase tools, uniforms, supplies, etc., refunds are not issued until about 6 weeks after your start date.
10. Charges and financial aid are applied to student accounts by term and not by the entire program at once.