



TCAT Athens Cost Sheet

2026-2027

HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION

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 HVAC Mechanic Assistant Certificate requires completion of the 1st trimester (432 hours). The Domestic Unit Repair Certificate requires completion through the 2nd trimester (864 hours). The HVAC Technician Diploma requires completion through the 3rd trimester (1,296 hours). The HVAC & Refrigeration Technician Diploma requires completion through the 4th trimester (1,728 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
HVAC Mechanic Assistant		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
SPECIAL ACADEMIC FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)		
HVAC-R Special Academic Fee \$	\$100.00	Due before 1st Day
TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**		
Introduction to Basic Construction Skills with NCCERConnect Access Code Card (ISBN 9780137474592)	\$116.24	Approximate
NCCERConnect with Pearson eText Access Card for HVAC Level 1 (ISBN 9780135187036)	\$93.74	Approximate

NCCERConnect HVAC Level 1 Textbook (ISBN 9780135187094)	\$39.74	Approximate
Ugly's Electrical Reference 2023 (ISBN 9781284275919) optional	\$22.00	Approximate
EPA 608 Certification Exam Prep Manual (ISBN 9781930044306) optional	\$22.00	Approximate

TOOLS: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$2,217.53	Approximate
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TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change)

OSHA 10 \$	\$59.00	Approximate
EPA-608 \$	\$31.82	Approximate
NCCER Core Testing \$	\$45.00	Approximate
NCCER HVAC Level 1 Testing \$	\$45.00	Approximate

1st Trimester Estimated Total: \$4,333.07

2nd TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours

Domestic Unit Repair

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

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

HVAC-R Special Academic Fee \$	\$100.00	Due before 1st Day
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TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**

HVAC L2 TRG V5 & NCCERCONN 2.0 (ISBN 9780135393918)	\$166.24	Approximate
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TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change)

NCCER Level 2 Testing \$	\$60.00	Approximate
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2nd Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,867.24

3rd TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours

HVAC Technician

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

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

HVAC-R Special Academic Fee \$	\$100.00	Due before 1st Day
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TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**

HVAC L3 TRG V5 & NCCERCONN 2.0 (ISBN 9780135393765)	\$166.24	Approximate
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TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change)

NCCER Level 3 Testing \$	\$65.00	Approximate
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3rd Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,872.24

4th TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours
HVAC & Refrigeration Technician
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

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

HVAC-R Special Academic Fee \$	\$100.00	Due before 1st Day
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TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**

HVAC L4 TRG V5 & NCCER 2.0 (ISBN 9780135393772)	\$166.24	Approximate
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4th Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,807.24

Total Estimated Program Cost for HVAC Mechanic Assistant Certificate	\$4,333.07
Total Estimated Program Cost for Domestic Unit Repair Certificate	\$6,200.31
Total Estimated Program Cost for HVAC Technician Diploma	\$8,072.55
Total Estimated Program Cost for HVAC & Refrigeration Technician Diploma	\$9,879.79

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED COSTS FOR ENTIRE PROGRAM

Program Length:	16 months (1,728 Clock Hours)
Tuition & Fees: (can be covered by TN Promise & TCAT Reconnect if eligible)	\$6,164.00
Special Academic Fees:	\$400.00
Textbooks:	\$792.44
Tools & Supplies: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)	\$2,217.53
Testing Fees:	\$305.82
Estimated Total:	\$9,879.79

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
Fieldpiece PRH2 Digital Psychrometer	1	\$126.49
Yellow Jacket 46010 Brute II 4 Valve Manifold Gage (410A, R32, R454B)	1	\$323.28
Yellow Jacket 29983 Refrigerant Hoses 3 Pack with low loss Fittings	1	\$212.56
UEI DL589 Digital Multimeter	1	\$422.78
Rechargeable Headlamp 1200 Lumen	1	\$77.11
Wire Stripper Ideal 45-120	1	\$18.90
Wire Crimping Tool Klein 1005	1	\$47.47
Standard Allen Wrenches	1	\$25.42

3-amp Mini Breaker with Wires	1	\$32.69
11 in 1 Screwdriver Klein 32500 MAG	1	\$36.76
11" Crescent Wrench	1	\$38.24
6" Crescent Wrench	1	\$24.66
10 pk Jumper Wires	1	\$13.05
Small Socket Set WORKPRO 39-Piece Drive 1/4" & 3/8"	1	\$44.93
Utility Knife Milwaukee 48-22-1505	1	\$28.54
Magnetic Phillips and Flat Head Screwdriver Set Klein 85146	1	\$80.79
Magnetic Nut Drivers (1/4", 5/16") Klein 646MSEN	1	\$42.38
Small Tubing Cutters Milwaukee 48-22-4251 / 48-22-4250	1	\$65.37
Reaming Tool Malco R308	1	\$19.32
Needle Nose Pliers Klein D203-8	1	\$41.21
Ratchet Wrench Offset (1/4", 5/16") Klein 68234	1	\$31.64
Small Car Wrench Set DuraTech Mini Wrench 20-Piece Set	1	\$37.79
Lineman Pliers Klein	1	\$65.41
10" Slip Joint Pliers Klein D511-10	1	\$45.47
Core Removal Tool Mastercool 91496	1	\$78.81
Malco Aviation Metal Snips M2006	1	\$76.75
Duct Crimping Tool Malco C5R	1	\$54.69
Telescopic Brazing Mirror	1	\$34.71
Magnetic 5" Tray	1	\$16.28
Telescopic Magnet	1	\$19.35
Small Diagonal Cutting Pliers Milwaukee 48-22-6106	1	\$34.68

Estimated Total: \$2,217.53

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.