



TCAT Athens Cost Sheet

2026-2027

PLUMBING & PIPEFITTING 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 Pipefitter Helper Certificate requires completion of the 1st trimester (432 hours). The Pipefitter Certificate requires completion through the 2nd trimester (864 hours). The Pipefitter & Plumbing Technician Diploma requires completion through the 3rd trimester (1,296 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
Pipefitter 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**		
The Pipe Fabricator Blue Book (ISBN 9780970832133)	\$32.00	Approximate
The Pipe Fitters Blue Book (ISBN 9781455909078)	\$32.00	Approximate
The Pipefitters & Welders Handbook (ISBN 9780028025001)	\$43.00	Approximate
NCCER Core: Intro to Basic Construction (ISBN 9780137483341)	\$86.00	Approximate
NCCER Pipefitting Level 1 (ISBN 9780135818114)	\$104.00	Approximate
NCCER Pipefitting Level 2 (ISBN 9780137487288)	\$137.00	Approximate
NCCER Pipefitting Level 3 (ISBN 9780137487288)	\$137.00	Approximate
NCCER Pipefitting Level 4 (ISBN 9780137487493)	\$137.00	Approximate
TOOLS: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$635.00	Approximate

TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change)

NCCER Test \$	\$30.00	Approximate
OSHA 10 Fee \$	\$59.00	Approximate
OSHA 10-Hour Certification \$	\$20.00	Approximate

1st Trimester Estimated Total: \$2,993.00

2nd TRIMESTER
432 Total Clock Hours
Pipefitter
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

2nd Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,541.00

3rd TRIMESTER
432 Total Clock Hours
Pipefitting & Plumbing 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

3rd Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,541.00

Total Estimated Program Cost for Pipefitter Helper Certificate	\$2,993.00
Total Estimated Program Cost for Pipefitter Certificate	\$4,534.00
Total Estimated Program Cost for Pipefitting & Plumbing Technician Diploma	\$6,075.00

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED COSTS FOR ENTIRE PROGRAM

Program Length:	12 months (1,296 Clock Hours)
Tuition & Fees: (can be covered by TN Promise & TCAT Reconnect if eligible)	\$4,623.00
Textbooks:	\$708.00
Tools & Supplies: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)	\$635.00
Testing Fees:	\$109.00
Estimated Total:	\$6,075.00

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
Clear Safety Glasses	1	\$2.00
Ear Plugs, 30db, Corded, Reg, 5 pair	1	\$3.00
Long-sleeve Blue Jean Shirt or Green Fire-Retardant Jacket	1	\$20.00

Leather Driver's Gloves, Cowhide	1	\$15.00
Silver Metallic Sharpies	1	\$7.00
TI-30xA Scientific Calculator	1	\$13.00
Combination Lock	2	\$10.00
Tape Measure, 1 in x 25 ft, carbon steel	1	\$15.00
Magnetic Glo-View Torpedo Level 9 inch	1	\$22.00
Angle Grinder, 4 ½ in, no load RPM 12000	1	\$82.00
Channel locks 12 in	1	\$20.00
Adjustable Wrench, 12 in	1	\$31.00
Wrap-a-Round Tape, Blade 6 ft x 3 7/8	1	\$21.00
2 Straight Pipe Wrench, Ductile Iron, 18 inches	1	\$26.00
32 oz Ball pein Hammer	1	\$20.00
Triple Flint Lighter, with 1 Flint Renewal	1	\$8.00
Combination Set, 12 in, 3 pc, Tri Square	1	\$122.00
Plumb Bob 8 oz	1	\$12.00
Soapstone Marker Set, 5 pc	1	\$7.00
6' Stick Ruler Folded	1	\$12.00
Hardhat	1	\$7.00
Safety Harness with Lanyard	1	\$82.00
Toolbox	1	\$69.00
Framing Squares 12" x2	1	\$9.00

Estimated Total: \$635.00

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.