



TCAT Athens Cost Sheet

2026-2027

AUTOMOTIVE 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 Brake & Chassis Technician Certificate requires completion of the 1st trimester (432 hours). The Automotive Technician Apprentice Certificate requires completion through the 2nd trimester (864 hours).

The Automotive Service Technician Certificate requires completion through the 3rd trimester (1,296 hours). The Automotive Technician Diploma requires completion through 216 hours into the 3rd trimester (1,512 hours). The Automotive and Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Technician Diploma requires completion through all 4 trimesters (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
Brake & Chassis 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
TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**		
CDX Fundamentals of Automotive Technology, Third Edition (ISBN 9781284274875)	\$353.00	Approximate
Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Bundle (ISBN 9781284272543)	\$186.00	Approximate
TOOLS: (estimated cost & subject to change; not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$2,725.29	Approximate
TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change; not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
ASE Testing Fees (estimated cost)	\$270.00	Approximate
1st Trimester Estimated Total:		\$5,075.29

2nd TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours
Automotive Technician Apprentice
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

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

See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$481.10	Approximate
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TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change; not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

ASE Testing Fees (estimated cost)	\$270.00	Approximate
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2nd Trimester Estimated Total: \$2,292.10

3rd TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours
Automotive Service 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

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

See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$216.89	Approximate
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TESTING FEES: (estimated cost & subject to change; not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

ASE Testing Fees (estimated cost)	\$270.00	Approximate
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3rd Trimester Estimated Total: \$2,027.89

4th TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours
Automotive & Hybrid/Electric Vehicle 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

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

ASE Testing Fees (estimated cost)	\$270.00	Approximate
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4th Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,811.00

Total Estimated Program Cost for Brake & Chassis Tech Certificate	\$5,075.29
Total Estimated Program Cost for Automotive Tech Apprentice Certificate	\$7,367.39
Total Estimated Program Cost for Automotive Service Tech Certificate	\$9,395.28
Total Estimated Program Cost for Automotive Technician Diploma	\$10,290.28
Total Estimated Program Cost for Automotive & Hybrid/Electric Tech Diploma	\$11,206.28

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
Textbooks:	\$539.00
Testing Fees: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)	\$1,080.00
Tools: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)	\$3,423.28
Estimated Total:	\$11,206.28

1st TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

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

Tools are required by the 3rd week of class & NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Combination Wrenches:		
Standard (1/4" - 1 1/4")	1	\$150.99
Metric (7 mm - 24 mm)	1	\$150.99
Ear Protection	1	\$8.99
Pliers:		
Combination 6"	1	\$9.99
Hose Clamp	1	\$11.99
Lock Jaw Snap Ring Plier Set	1	\$39.99
Needle Nose 6"	1	\$5.89
Side Cutting	1	\$16.99
Safety Glasses (must meet OSHA requirements)	2	\$19.98
Gasket Scraper	1	\$14.99
Screwdriver Set (Blade Type): Stubby 6", 9", 12"	1	\$49.99
Screwdriver Set (Phillips): Stubby #1, #2; 6" #1, #2; 12" #3	1	\$49.99
Socket Set - 1/4" Drive:		
1/4" - 1/2" Standard Depth	1	\$29.99
1/4" - 1/2" Deep	1	\$34.99
6 mm - 12 mm Standard Depth	1	\$29.99
6 mm - 12 mm Deep	1	\$34.99
Flex/Universal Type	1	\$8.99
3", 6" Extensions	1	\$19.99
Ratchet	1	\$33.99
Socket Set - 3/8" Drive:		
5/16" - 3/4" Standard Depth (6 point)	1	\$39.99
3/8" - 3/4" Deep (6 point)	1	\$49.99
10 mm - 19 mm Standard Depth	1	\$39.99
10 mm - 19 mm Deep	1	\$49.99
Breaker Bar - 3/8" Drive	1	\$29.99
Breaker Bar - 1/2" Drive	1	\$44.99
Extensions Set (3", 5", 12")	1	\$19.99
3/8" Flexhead Ratchet	1	\$29.99
3/8" Ratchet	1	\$39.99
Spark Plug Sockets 5/8"	1	\$2.99
Spark Plug Sockets 13/16"	1	\$2.99

Universal Joint	1	\$8.99
Flexible Socket Set 3/8" - 3/4"	1	\$34.97
Flexible Socket Set 10 mm - 19 mm	1	\$34.97
Socket Set - 1/2" Drive:		
7/16" - 1 1/8" Standard Depth	1	\$54.99
7/16" - 1 1/8" Deep	1	\$64.99
10 mm - 24 mm Standard Depth	1	\$54.99
30 mm - 38 mm Big 6 Point Sockets	1	\$59.99
10 mm - 24 mm Deep	1	\$64.99
1/2" to 3/4" Adapter	1	\$14.99
3" X 6" 12" Extensions Set	1	\$44.99
1/2" Ratchet	1	\$39.99
Tire Pressure Gauge	1	\$5.99
Torque Wrenches:		
3/8" Drive (10-250 in lb)	1	\$115.99
1/2" Drive (50-250 lb ft)	1	\$124.99
Tool Box, Rollaround	1	\$599.99
8" Adjustable Wrench	1	\$14.99
Impact Gun (1/2" Drive)	1	\$169.99
C-Clamp Set (4" to 10")	1	\$27.96
Brake Tool Set	1	\$19.99
Shirts (Dickies Dark Blue-available at WalMart)	4	\$91.96

Estimated Total: \$2,725.29

2nd TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

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

Tools are required by the 3rd week of class & NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Chisel Set	1	\$14.99
Chisel Holder	1	\$10.99
Feeler Gauge (Blade Type):		
.002" - .040"	1	\$4.99
.006 mm - .070 mm	1	\$4.99
File Set:		
Coarse 6" and 12"	1	\$14.99
Fine 6" and 12"	1	\$14.99
Half Round 12"	1	\$14.99
Round 6" and 12"	1	\$14.99
Flare Net (tubing) Wrenches:		
3/8" - 3/4"	1	\$39.99
10 mm - 17 mm	1	\$39.99
Flashlight	1	\$29.99
HackSaw	1	\$13.99
Hammers:		
40 and 16 oz Ball Peen (set)	1	\$22.99
Dead Blow Plastic Mallet	1	\$11.99
Inspection Mirror	1	\$3.99
Magnetic Pickup Tool	1	\$4.99
Pick Set Large & Small	1	\$24.99

Punches:		
Center	1	\$3.99
Brass Drift	1	\$50.99
Pin 1/8", 3/16", 1/4", 5/16" (set)	1	\$8.99
Taper 3/8", 1/2", 5/8" (set)	1	\$14.89
Wire Brush	1	\$2.46
Wire Crimpers (Strippers)	1	\$9.99
Turkey Baster	1	\$1.00
Dark Blue Pants or Blue Jeans	4	\$99.96

Estimated Total: \$481.10

3rd TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

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

Tools are required by the 3rd week of class & NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Air Blow Gun (must meet OSHA requirements)	1	\$17.99
Allen (Wrench or Socket) Set - Standard (0.50" - 3/8")	1	\$17.99
Allen (Wrench or Socket) Set - Metric (2 mm - 8 mm, 10 mm, 12 mm)	1	\$19.99
Battery Post Cleaner	1	\$2.99
Volt OHMMeter Digital Basic 30 Range	1	\$44.99
Spark Plug Feeler Gauge	1	\$4.99
Test Light:		
12 volt	1	\$11.99
Self-Powered	1	\$21.99
3/8" Drive Torx Set (Screwdrivers and/or Sockets)	1	\$25.99
T-8 to T-60	1	\$17.99
Drop Light	1	\$29.99

Estimated Total: \$216.89

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.