



# TCAT Athens Cost Sheet

## 2026-2027

### COSMETOLOGY

### FULL-TIME

**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 Shampooist Certificate requires completion of 300 hours into the 1st trimester. The Cosmetologist Diploma requires completion through all 4 trimesters (1500 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             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Shampooist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            | Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm |
| <b>TUITION &amp; FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)</b>                                                                                                                                      |            |                                   |
| *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                |
| <b>TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost &amp; subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**</b>                                                                                                                                        |            |                                   |
| EDU-C Cosmetology Digital 2-Year Set                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$357.00   | Approximate                       |
| <b>TOOLS:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |                                   |
| Cosmetology Tool Kit (estimated cost & subject to change)                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$1,156.00 | Approximate                       |
| Students may purchase the kit through the school's online bookstore or create their own kits from the attached list. The Cosmetology Instructor must check off your kit items for compliance. All consumables must be replenished when depleted. |            |                                   |

**COSMETOLOGY TOOL KITS ARE NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.**

**OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)**
**Required 1st day of Class:**

|                                                                                    |         |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1 Non-Synthetic Mannequin (100 human hair)<br>(available at Sally's, Amazon, etc.) | \$40.00 | Approximate |
| Notebook, pencils, pen, paper                                                      | \$20.00 | Approximate |

**1st Trimester Estimated Total: \$3,114.00**

**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 |

**2nd Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,541.00**

**3rd 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 |

**3rd Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,541.00**

**4th TRIMESTER**
**204 Total Clock Hours**
**Cosmetologist**
**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 \$ | \$800.00 | Due before 1st Day |
| *Technology Fee \$          | \$85.00  | Due before 1st Day |
| *Student Activity Fee \$    | \$10.00  | Due before 1st Day |

**TESTING FEES: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)**

|                                                                                             |         |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Tennessee State Board of Cosmetology Theory Test<br>(student pays directly to 3rd party)    | \$67.00 | Approximate |
| Tennessee State Board of Cosmetology Practical Test<br>(student pays directly to 3rd party) | \$67.00 | Approximate |
| Tennessee State Original License Fee<br>(student pays directly to 3rd party)                | \$60.00 | Approximate |

**OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS:**

|                                                                                                                        |         |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Odorless Acrylic Kit (for State Board Testing)                                                                         | \$20.00 | Approximate |
| State Board Practical Test Supplies<br>(Instructor will notify student of specific test supplies needed to take exam.) | \$75.00 | Approximate |

**4th Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,184.00**

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|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Estimated Program Cost for Shampooist Certificate | \$3,114.00 |
| Total Estimated Program Cost for Cosmetoloist Diploma   | \$7,380.00 |

## SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED COSTS FOR ENTIRE PROGRAM

|                                                                                        |                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Program Length:</b>                                                                 | <b>14 months (1,500 Clock Hours)</b> |
| <b>Tuition &amp; Fees:</b> (can be covered by TN Promise & TCAT Reconnect if eligible) | <b>\$5,518.00</b>                    |
| <b>Textbooks:</b> (must be ordered by end of 1st day of class)                         | <b>\$357.00</b>                      |
| <b>Toolkit:</b>                                                                        | <b>\$1,156.00</b>                    |
| <b>Other Program Related Costs:</b>                                                    | <b>\$155.00</b>                      |
| <b>Testing &amp; License Fees:</b>                                                     | <b>\$194.00</b>                      |
| <b>Estimated Total:</b>                                                                | <b>\$7,380.00</b>                    |

## COSMETOLOGY KIT LIST

1. Students may purchase the kit through the school's online bookstore or compile their own kits from this list.
2. Cosmetology Kit supplies are NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.
3. The Cosmetology Instructor must check off on your kit items for compliance.
4. Any consumables must be replenished when depleted (examples: cotton, alcohol, gloves, etc.).
5. Kit items can be purchased from Sally's, Wal-Mart, Amazon, etc.

| Item Description                  | Quantity | Total Estimated Cost |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Debra Manikin                     | 3        | \$174.00             |
| Manikin Holder                    | 1        | \$7.00               |
| Tammie (Quad) Manikin             | 1        | \$60.00              |
| Naomi Manikin                     | 1        | \$88.00              |
| Dylan Manikin                     | 1        | \$62.00              |
| 7 piece Round Brush Set           | 1        | \$35.00              |
| Styling Combs                     | 12       | \$4.00               |
| Rattail Combs                     | 12       | \$4.00               |
| Dual All Purpose Pick Comb        | 1        | \$1.00               |
| Extra Large Rake Comb             | 1        | \$1.00               |
| Double Prong Curl Clips (100/box) | 1        | \$7.00               |
| Butterfly Clamps (12 pack)        | 1        | \$2.00               |
| Duck Bill Clips (12 pack)         | 1        | \$2.00               |
| Orange Wood Sticks (12 pack)      | 1        | \$2.00               |
| Nail Files 120/240 Grit (10 pack) | 1        | \$3.00               |
| Manicure Bristle Brush            | 1        | \$1.00               |
| Manicure Bowl                     | 1        | \$3.00               |
| Mani/Pedi Nail Care Kit           | 1        | \$15.00              |
| Chemical Cape                     | 1        | \$22.00              |
| Microfiber Styling Cape           | 1        | \$15.00              |
| Latex Gloves (box)                | 1        | \$10.00              |
| Processing Caps (30 package)      | 1        | \$5.00               |
| Manicure Hand with Stand          | 1        | \$15.00              |
| Perm Rods (package)               | 1        | \$2.00               |

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|------------------------------|---|----------|
| Tint Bowl Kit                | 1 | \$12.00  |
| Soft Squeeze Bottle          | 1 | \$2.00   |
| 8 ounce Spray Bottles        | 3 | \$5.00   |
| Carbon Pin Tail Foil Comb    | 2 | \$7.00   |
| Large Tote Bag for Kit Items | 1 | \$100.00 |
| 1" Curling Iron              | 1 | \$70.00  |
| Blow Dryer                   | 1 | \$85.00  |
| 1" Flat Iron                 | 1 | \$85.00  |
| 3" Slant Tweezer             | 1 | \$2.00   |
| Mini Skin Care Kit           | 1 | \$28.00  |
| Shear/Razor/Thinning Kit     | 1 | \$200.00 |

**Estimated Total:        \$1,136.00**

## 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](mailto: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.