



TCAT Athens Cost Sheet

2026-2027

MEDIUM HEAVY EQUIPMENT

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 Preventative Maintenance Service Technician Certificate requires completion of the 1st trimester (432 hours).

The Diesel Technician Helper Certificate requires completion through the 2nd trimester (864 hours). The Diesel Technician Apprentice Certificate requires completion through the 3rd trimester (1,296 hours). The Heavy Equipment Helper Certificate requires completion through the 4th trimester (1,728 hours). The Heavy Equipment Technician Diploma requires completion through all 5 trimesters (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
Preventative Maintenance 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
TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**		
Truck CDX Online (2 year) NEW 2nd Editions Bundle: (ISBN 9781284274073)	\$499.00	Approximate
2 Year CDX Online Access to Fundamentals of Medium/Heavy Duty Commercial Vehicle Systems, 2E AND 2 Year CDX Online Access to Fundamentals of Medium/Heavy Duty Diesel Engines, 2E		
TOOLS: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$4,162.78	Approximate

OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

Uniforms, 3 Sets	\$325.00	Approximate
Steel Toe Boots (leather, not shoes)	\$50.00	Approximate

1st Trimester Estimated Total: \$6,577.78

2nd TRIMESTER
432 Total Clock Hours

Diesel Technician 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

TOOLS: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$1,310.92	Approximate
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2nd Trimester Estimated Total: \$2,851.92

3rd TRIMESTER
432 Total Clock Hours

Diesel 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: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)

See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	\$1,378.57	Approximate
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3rd Trimester Estimated Total: \$2,919.57

4th TRIMESTER
432 Total Clock Hours

Heavy Equipment 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

4th Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,541.00

5th TRIMESTER
432 Total Clock Hours

Heavy Equipment 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

5th Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,541.00

Total Estimated Program Cost for Preventative Maintenance Svc Tech Certificate	\$6,577.78
Total Estimated Program Cost for Diesel Technician Helper Certificate	\$9,429.70
Total Estimated Program Cost for Diesel Technician Apprentice Certificate	\$12,349.27
Total Estimated Program Cost for Heavy Equipment Helper Certificate	\$13,890.27
Total Estimated Program Cost for Heavy Equipment Technician Diploma	\$15,431.27

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:	\$499.00
Other Program Costs: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)	\$375.00
Tools: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)	\$6,852.27
Estimated Total:	\$15,431.27

1st TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

Tools and supplies must be purchased from outside sources.

Tools must be of industrial quality. The following brands have tools that meet industrial standards:

Snap-On, MAC, Matco, Craftsman, Cornwell, Proto, SK Tools, Kobalt, etc.

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

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Socket Set 3/8" Drive:		
3/8" - 3/4" US Standard Depth (12 point)	1	\$79.99
3/8" - 3/4" US Deep (6 point)	1	\$79.99
10 mm - 19 mm Metric Standard Depth (6 point)	1	\$69.99
10 mm - 19 mm Metric Deep (6 point)	1	\$79.99
Extensions (Short, Medium, & Long)	1	\$47.98
Ratchet Handle	1	\$68.98
Universal Joint	1	\$51.98
Socket Set 1/4" Drive:		
3/16" - 1/2" US Standard Depth (12 point)	1	\$69.99
3/16" - 1/2" US Deep (6 point)	1	\$69.99
4 mm - 13 mm Metric Standard Depth (6 point)	1	\$74.98
4 mm - 13 mm Metric Deep (6 point)	1	\$74.98
Extensions (Short, Medium, & Long)	1	\$47.98
Ratchet Handle	1	\$68.98
Universal Joint	1	\$51.98
Socket Set 1/2" Drive:		
1/2" - 1-1/8" Shallow, Impact or Chrome	1	\$84.99
7/16" - 1-1/8" Deep, Impact or Chrome	1	\$94.99
13 mm - 32 mm Shallow, Impact or Chrome	1	\$89.99
13 mm - 32 mm Deep, Impact or Chrome	1	\$84.99
Breaker Bar	1	\$61.99
Extensions (Short, Medium, & Long)	1	\$54.98
Ratchet Handle	1	\$74.98
Universal Joint	1	\$52.98

Combination Wrenches:		
Standard (3/8" - 1") (up to 1-1/4" optional)	1	\$95.99
Metric (6 mm - 19 mm) (up to 24 mm optional)	1	\$95.99
Allen Wrench Set - Standard (.050" - 3/8") (7/16" - 1/2" optional)	1	\$47.99
Allen Wrench Set - Metric (2 mm - 12 mm)	1	\$49.99
Flare Nut Wrench Set:		
Standard (3/8" - 3/4")	1	\$66.98
Metric (7 mm-19 mm)	1	\$66.98
Adjustable Wrench (3/4" capacity, length 6")	1	\$44.99
Adjustable Wrench (1-1/8" capacity, length 10")	1	\$47.99
Torx Screwdriver Set (T10, T15, T20, T25, T30)	1	\$95.00
Blade Type Screwdriver Set (1", 6", 9", 12", Offset)	1	\$65.00
Screwdriver Set (Phillips): 1" #2; 6" #1, 6" #2; 12" #3	1	\$65.00
Pliers:		
Adjustable Joint	1	\$52.99
Locking Pliers	1	\$54.99
Needle Nose	1	\$45.99
Side Cutters	1	\$49.99
Slip-Joint	1	\$49.99
Nut Driver Set (3/16" thru 3/8")	1	\$90.00
Goggles (per OSHA requirements)	1	\$39.99
Safety Glasses (side panels) (per OSHA requirements)	1	\$39.99
HackSaw	1	\$43.99
Ball Peen Hammers (12 oz, 16 oz, 24 oz Soft Face)	3	\$323.94
Inspection Mirror (mechanics adjustable)	1	\$33.99
Magnetic Pickup with Slide Extension	1	\$34.99
Mechanics Creeper	1	\$79.99
Roll-a-Way Tool Box (6 drawer minimum)	1	\$530.00
Flashlight	1	\$59.99
Hearing Protection (per OSHA requirements)	1	\$54.99
Mechanics Steel Ruler - Machinist Rule	1	\$42.99
Scraper (1" wide or larger)	1	\$39.99
Tape Measure (25 ft)	1	\$42.99
Tire Tread Depth Gauge	1	\$45.99
Tire Pressure Gauge - Truck	1	\$42.99
Truck Tire Chuck	1	\$49.99
Wire Brush	1	\$32.46

Estimated Total: \$4,162.78

2nd TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

Tools and supplies must be purchased from outside sources.

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Snap-On, MAC, Matco, Craftsman, Cornwell, Proto, SK Tools, Kobalt, etc.

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

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
3/8" Torque Wrench (0-150 ft lbs)	1	\$255.00
3/8" Torque Wrench (0-200 in lbs)	1	\$255.00
1/2" Torque Wrench (25-250 ft lbs)	1	\$179.99
Digital Multimeter - minimum 10 meg. Ohms impedance - INDUSTRIAL QUALITY	1	\$104.99
3/4" Socket & Ratchet Set	1	\$54.99
Battery Nut Pliers	1	\$45.99
Battery Post Cleaner	1	\$34.99
Battery Terminal Adapter	1	\$39.99
Battery Terminal Clamp Puller	1	\$49.99
Files & Handles (12" Fine, 12" Coarse, 12" Half Round)	3	\$240.00
Blow Nozzle	1	\$49.99

Estimated Total: \$1,310.92

3rd TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

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Snap-On, MAC, Matco, Craftsman, Cornwell, Proto, SK Tools, Kobalt, etc.

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

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Obstruction Wrench "C" Configuration (12 point 9/16" x 5/8", 7-1/4" long)	1	\$68.75
Cold Chisel 1/2" edge	1	\$37.50
Cold Chisel 5/8" edge	1	\$39.99
Cold Chisel 3/4" edge	1	\$39.99
Electrical Pliers - Crimper/Stripper	1	\$35.99
Punches:		
Pin 3/16" - 3/8"	1	\$115.05
Starter 3/16" - 3/8"	1	\$115.05
Aligning Punch Set	1	\$85.00
Brass Punch	1	\$118.75
Center Punch	1	\$52.50
Bar Rolling Wedge 90 Degree 9/16 Diameter 16" Long - Lady's Foot Pry Bar	1	\$65.00
1/2" Air Impact Wrench with Set of 1/2" Impact Sockets	1	\$380.00
3/8" Air Ratchet with Set of 3/8" Impact Sockets	1	\$120.00
90 Degree Angle Die Grinder	1	\$105.00

Estimated Total: \$1,378.57

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.