



TCAT Athens Cost Sheet

2026-2027

PRACTICAL NURSING

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 Nurse Aid Certificate requires completion of the 1st trimester (432 hours). The Practical Nurse Diploma requires completion through all 3 trimesters (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
Nurse Aid		Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 2:30 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)		
Practical Nursing Special Academic Fee \$	\$100.00	Due before 1st Day
OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS:		
ATI Nursing Software \$	\$400.00	Due before 1st Day
Liability Insurance \$	\$20.00	Due before 1st Day
Uniforms (Estimated Cost)	\$240.00	Approximate
First Trimester Nurse Kit	\$224.99	Approximate
TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**		
Nursing Book Bundle:		
Nursing 2027-2028 Drug Handbook (Lippincott)	\$55.00	Approximate
(ISBN: 9781975277222)		

Introductory Mental Health Nursing (Kincheloe) (ISBN 9781975211240)	\$70.00	Approximate
Fischbach's A Manual of Laboratory & Diagnostic Tests (Fischbach) (ISBN 9781975173425)	\$89.00	Approximate
Gerontological Nursing, 11e (Eliopoulos) (ISBN 9781975242558)	\$100.00	Approximate
Introductory Clinical Pharmacology (Ford) (ISBN 9781975163730)	\$102.00	Approximate
Nutrition Essentials for Nursing Practice (Dudek) (ISBN 9781975161125)	\$111.00	Approximate
Introductory Maternity & Pediatric Nursing (Hatfield) (ISBN 9781975163785)	\$114.00	Approximate
Timby's Fundamental Nursing Skills & Concepts, 13e, (Donnelly-Moreno) (ISBN 9781975220778)	\$104.00	Approximate
Timby's Introductory Medical-Surgical Nursing , 14e, (Donnelly-Moreno) (ISBN 9781975254124)	\$118.00	Approximate
Memmler's Structure & Function of the Human Body, 12e, Enhanced Edition (Kerry L. Hull) (ISBN 9781284268317)	\$91.00	Approximate

1st Trimester Estimated Total: \$3,479.99

2nd TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 2:30 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)

Practical Nursing Special Academic Fee \$	\$100.00	Due before 1st Day
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OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS:

ATI Nursing Software \$	\$400.00	Due before 1st Day
Liability Insurance \$	\$20.00	Due before 1st Day
Nurse Kit (Coursey Enterprises)	\$224.99	Approximate

2nd Trimester Estimated Total: \$2,285.99

3rd TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours

Practical Nurse

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 2:30 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)

Practical Nursing Special Academic Fee \$	\$100.00	Due before 1st Day
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OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS:

ATI Nursing Software \$	\$400.00	Due before 1st Day
Hurst Review (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$225.00	Approximate
NCLEX Fees (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$340.00	Approximate
Passport Picture (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$15.00	Approximate
Graduation (one tassel, pin, uniform)	\$120.00	Approximate

3rd Trimester Estimated Total: \$2,741.00

Total Estimated Program Cost for Nurse Aid Certificate	\$3,479.99
Total Estimated Program Cost for Practical Nurse Diploma	\$8,506.98

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
Special Academic Fees:	\$300.00
Textbooks:	\$954.00
Other Program Related Costs:	\$2,404.99
Estimated Total:	\$8,281.99

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

- BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Students will be required to have several background checks throughout the year which must be paid directly by the student to a 3rd party. **Note: Background checks are NOT included in this program cost estimate.**
- DRUG TESTS:** Students will be required to have several drug tests throughout the year which must be paid directly by the student to a 3rd party. **Note: Drug tests are NOT included in this program cost estimate.**
- All tuition, fees, books, nurse kit, etc. are due before the first day of class for each trimester.
- FINANCIAL AID:** Financial aid may pay for direct and indirect costs.
DIRECT COSTS: Direct costs are educational expenses charged to the student directly by the school and payable directly to the school (tuition, fees, special academic fees, ATI nursing software, Scantron testing sheets liability insurance, approved items using online campus bookstore: books, nurse kit, and scrubs). **INDIRECT COSTS:** Indirect costs are educational expenses the student may incur and must pay directly to a 3rd party (Hurst Review, NCLEX fees, passport picture, graduation, background checks, drug tests).
- FINANCIAL AID REFUND:** If a student is receiving a financial aid refund, the refund may be used to pay for any indirect costs. **REFUNDS ARE USUALLY ISSUED ABOUT 2 WEEKS AFTER THE 'EXPECTED PAYMENT DATE' LISTED ON THE AWARD PAYMENT SCHEDULE IN THE STUDENT'S MYTCAT Student Portal.**
- Not all students receive enough in Financial Aid to pay for both direct and indirect costs.
- NOT ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE A FINANCIAL AID REFUND.
- For additional financial aid assistance eligibility, please see the American Job Center to see if you qualify for the WIOA program.

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.