



TCAT Athens Cost Sheet

2026-2027

PATIENT CARE TECHNOLOGY/MEDICAL ASSISTING

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 Phlebotomy Certificate requires completion of 186 hours in the 1st trimester. The Nurse Aid Certificate requires completion through the 1st trimester (432 hours). The Electrocardiogram Certificate requires completion through the 2nd trimester (864 hours). The Patient Care Technician Diploma requires completion through the 2nd trimester (864 hours). The Medical Assistant 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
Phlebotomy @ 186 hours / Nurse Aid @ 432 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
TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**		
Phlebotomy Online Practice Modules	\$107.00	Approximate
Phlebotomy Study Guide (paper version) (ISBN 9781565335820)	\$107.00	Approximate
Phlebotomy Handbook (ISBN_9780134709321)	\$129.00	Approximate
CCMA-Online Bundle-Skillbuilder, Study Guide, Practice Exam, Anatomy & Physiology, Medical Terminology & Personability	\$759.00	Approximate
CCMA Study Guide Prep Book (ISBN 9781565332690)	\$87.00	Approximate
Hartman's Nursing Assistant Care: The Basics, Textbook, 6E (ISBN 9781604251418)	\$36.00	Approximate

Hartman's Nursing Assistant Care: The Basics, Workbook, 6E (ISBN 9781604251425)	\$16.00	Approximate
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OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS:

Liability Insurance \$	\$20.00	Due before 1st Day
PCT Kit	\$240.00	Approximate
Uniforms (Estimated Cost)	\$175.00	Approximate
White Shoes	\$25.00	Approximate
Lab Coat	\$25.00	Approximate
TB Skin Test (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$25.00	Approximate
Hepatitis B Immunization (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$30.00	Approximate
CPR Certification (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$25.00	Approximate

TESTING FEES:

Phlebotomy National Exam (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$129.00	Approximate
Certified Nurse Aid State Exam (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$140.00	Approximate

1st Trimester Estimated Total: \$3,616.00

2nd TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours

Electrocardiogram/Patient Care 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****

Electrocardiogram Printed Study Guide & Online Practice Test (ISBN 9781565335875)	\$107.00	Approximate
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OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS:

Liability Insurance \$	\$20.00	Due before 1st Day
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TESTING FEES:

Patient Care Technician Certification Exam (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$119.00	Approximate
EKG Technician National Exam (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$129.00	Approximate

2nd Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,916.00

3rd TRIMESTER

432 Total Clock Hours

Medical Assistant

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

OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS:

Liability Insurance \$	\$20.00	Due before 1st Day
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TESTING FEES:

CCMA National Exam (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$165.00	Approximate
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3rd Trimester Estimated Total: \$1,726.00

REQUIRED CLINICAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED AS PART OF PROGRAM COSTS

Drug Screen/Background Check (student pays directly to 3rd party)	\$80.00	Approximate
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Total Estimated Program Cost for Phlebotomy Certificate	\$895.00
Total Estimated Program Cost for Nurse Aid Certificate	\$3,616.00
Total Estimated Program Cost for Electrocardiogram Certificate/Patient Care Technician Diploma	\$5,532.00
Total Estimated Program Cost for Medical Assistant Diploma	\$7,338.00

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:	\$1,348.00
Testing Fees: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)	\$682.00
Other Program Related Costs:	\$605.00
Clinical Cost:	\$80.00
Estimated Total:	\$7,338.00

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.