TCAT Athens Cost Sheet
2026-2027
COMPUTER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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 Personal Computer Operator Certificate requires completion of the 1st trimester (432 hours). The Technical Support Specialist Certificate requires completion through the 2nd trimester (864 hours). The Information Technology Network Support Specialist Certificate requires completion through the 3rd trimester (1,296 hours). The Information Technology System Support Specialist Diploma requires completion through the 4th trimester (1,728 hours). The Enterprise Services Support Specialist 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**
Personal Comupter Operator		**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**		
Microsoft Office Pro (ISBN 9781935080718)	$175.00	Approximate
Certmaster Learn Tech+ (ISBN 9781642745269)	$174.00	Approximate
CertMaster Learn A+ Core 1 and Core 2 (ISBN 9781642746037)	$684.00	Approximate
CERTIFICATION EXAM VOUCHER: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
CompTIA Tech+ Exam Voucher (Retail Pricing)	$129.00	Approximate

1st Trimester Estimated Total: $2,703.00

2nd TRIMESTER — 432 Total Clock Hours

Technical Support Specialist — **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
CERTIFICATION EXAM VOUCHER: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
CompTIA A+ Exam Voucher (Retail Pricing)	$274.00	Approximate

2nd Trimester Estimated Total: $1,815.00

3rd TRIMESTER — 432 Total Clock Hours

Information Technology Network Support Specialist — **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**		
CompTIA CertMaster Learn for Network+(ISBN 9781642745245)	$499.00	Approximate
CERTIFICATION EXAM VOUCHER: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
CompTIA Network + Exam Voucher (Retail Pricing)	$399.00	Approximate

3rd Trimester Estimated Total: $2,439.00

4th TRIMESTER — 432 Total Clock Hours

Information Technology System Support Specialist — **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**		
Security Pro (ISBN 9781935080442)	$244.00	Approximate
CERTIFICATION EXAM VOUCHER: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
CompTIA Security+ Exam Voucher (Retail Pricing)	$439.00	Approximate

4th Trimester Estimated Total: $2,224.00

5th TRIMESTER — 432 Total Clock Hours

Enterprise Services Support Specialist — **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**		
TestOut Hybrid Server Pro: Core (ISBN 9781935080848)	$239.00	Approximate
CERTIFICATION EXAM VOUCHER: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
Microsoft AZ-800 Exam Voucher (Retail Pricing)	$165.00	Approximate

5th Trimester Estimated Total: $1,945.00

Total Estimated Program Cost for Personal Computer Operator Certificate	**$2,703.00**
Total Estimated Program Cost for Technical Support Specialist Certificate	**$4,518.00**
Total Estimated Program Cost for Information Tech Network Sppt Spec Certificiate	**$6,957.00**
Total Estimated Program Cost for Information Tech System Sppt Specialist Diploma	**$9,181.00**
Total Estimated Program Cost for Enterprise Services Support Specialist Diploma	**$11,126.00**

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:	**$2,015.00**
Certification Exam Fees: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)	**$1,406.00**
Estimated Total:	**$11,126.00**

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.