



WELDING TECHNOLOGY

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED EXPENSES

2025-2026

FULL TIME

Course Length:	12 months (1,296 Clock Hours)
Tuition & Fees Rates Effective:	9/1/2025
Tuition & Fees:	\$4,461.00 <i>*Can be covered by TN Promise & TN Reconnect if eligible</i>
Special Academic Fees:	\$300.00
Textbooks:	\$325.00
Tools:	\$1,005.00 <i>*not purchased through TCAT-Athens</i>
ESTIMATED TOTAL:	\$6,091.00

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.).
2. Costs listed above for textbooks, testing fees, tools, etc. are estimated are 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.
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 any other federal and state financial aid have been awarded. They will not pay for books, special academic fees, tools, uniforms, supplies, testing fees, etc.
8. TCAT-Athens does not carry tools, uniforms, supplies, etc. Please make arrangements to purchase these items from outside sources.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

To apply for financial aid, complete the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov>.

To apply for state financial aid, create a TSAC Student Account.

Enter the federal school code 005358 for both.

A FAFSA must be filed for every year financial aid is needed.

For FAFSA assistance, please contact Darlene White with the Educational Opportunity Center at (423) 435-8442 or by email at jwhit195@utk.edu.

* Denotes costs than can be covered by TN Promise and TN Reconnect.

TRIMESTER 1 (432 Clock Hours)		Estimated Costs
TUITION & FEES: <i>(due at registration if not covered by financial aid)</i>		
Tuition/Maintenance Fee*		\$1,404.00
Technology Access Fee*		\$73.00
Student Activity Fee*		\$10.00
SPECIAL ACADEMIC FEES:		
Welding Special Academic Fee		\$100.00
TEXTBOOKS: <i>(estimated cost & subject to change)</i>		
Fundamentals of Welding	9781643220529	\$100.00
Fundamentals of Welding Lab Manual	9781643220543	\$100.00
Blueprint Reading for Welders	9781133605782	\$125.00
TOOLS: <i>(not purchased through TCAT-Athens)</i>		
See Tool Attached List <i>(estimated cost)</i>		\$1,005.00

TRIMESTER 1 ESTIMATED COST: \$2,917.00

TRIMESTER 2 (432 Clock Hours)		Estimated Costs
TUITION & FEES: <i>(due at registration if not covered by financial aid)</i>		
Tuition/Maintenance Fee*		\$1,404.00
Technology Access Fee*		\$73.00
Student Activity Fee*		\$10.00
SPECIAL ACADEMIC FEES:		
Welding Special Academic Fee		\$100.00

TRIMESTER 2 ESTIMATED COST: \$1,587.00

TRIMESTER 3 (432 Clock Hours)		Estimated Costs
TUITION & FEES: <i>(due at registration if not covered by financial aid)</i>		
Tuition/Maintenance Fee*		\$1,404.00
Technology Access Fee*		\$73.00
Student Activity Fee*		\$10.00
SPECIAL ACADEMIC FEES:		
Welding Special Academic Fee		\$100.00

TRIMESTER 3 ESTIMATED COST: \$1,587.00

TRIMESTER 1 TOOL LIST

Tools and supplies must be purchased from outside sources.
Please have your tools for the term by the 3rd week of class.

Item Description	Quantity	Cost	Estimated Total Cost
Safety Glasses (clear; must be contoured to face)	1	\$10.00	\$10.00
Welding Helmet with Headband (2 x 4 lens size with flip front)	1	\$45.00	\$45.00
Welding Hat	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
Welding Cape Sleeves (leather)	1	\$55.00	\$55.00
Welding Jacket (green; fire retardant)	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Welding Gloves (basic stick welding gloves)	1	\$15.00	\$15.00
Wire Brush (long handle and steel bristle)	1	\$10.00	\$10.00
Chipping Hammer (H-Style)	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
Steel Measuring Tape (25 x 1 standard)	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
Vise Grip Pliers (7" flat jaw with teeth)	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
Cutting Glasses (shade #5 safety glasses)	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
Spark Lighter (one flint)	1	\$10.00	\$10.00
Tip Cleaner Set (standard)	1	\$10.00	\$10.00
Work Boots (steel toe; tops must cover ankle)	1	\$55.00	\$55.00
Clear Lens; 2 x 4 lens to fit welding helmet; impact resistant; not glass; ~100 (as needed)	100	\$1.55	\$155.00
Dark Lens; Shade #10 (to fit welding helmet)	3	\$6.67	\$20.00
4-1/2" Electric Right Angle Grinder; 11,000 rpm	1	\$120.00	\$120.00
4-1/2" Grinding Discs; for steel; 11,000 rpm to fit 4-1/2" grinder; ~40 (as needed)	40	\$3.38	\$135.00
2-3/4" Diameter Cup Brushes; twisted bristle to fit 4-1/2" grinder	4	\$18.75	\$75.00
BIB for 321 Cape Sleeve 14"	1	\$120.00	\$120.00
MIG Welding Pliers (Welpers)	1	\$30.00	\$30.00

TRIMESTER 1 ESTIMATED TOOLS COST: \$1,005.00

Students must have tools per instructor's request.

The tool list is subject to change without notice.