



PRACTICAL NURSING

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:	\$954.00
Other Program Related Costs:	\$2,764.99
ESTIMATED TOTAL:	\$8,479.99

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 and 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, uniforms, supplies, testing fees, etc.

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.

* 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:		
Practical Nursing Special Academic Fee		\$100.00
OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS:		
ATI Nursing Software		\$400.00
Liability Insurance		\$20.00
Uniforms (Estimated Cost)		\$600.00
TEXTBOOKS: <i>(estimated cost & subject to change)</i>		ISBN
Nursing Book Bundle:		
Nursing 2025-2026 Drug Handbook (Lippincott)	9781975217112	\$55.00
Introductory Mental Health Nursing (Kincheloe)	9781975211240	\$70.00
Fischbach's A Manual of Laboratory & Diagnostic Tests (Fischbach)	9781975173425	\$89.00
Gerontological Nursing (Eliopoulos)	9781975161002	\$100.00
Introductory Clinical Pharmacology (Ford)	9781975163730	\$102.00
Nutrition Essentials for Nursing Practice (Dudek)	9781975161125	\$111.00
Introductory Maternity & Pediatric Nursing (Hatfield)	9781975163785	\$114.00
Timby's Fundamental Nursing Skills & Concepts, 13e, (Donnelly-Moreno)	9781975220778	\$104.00
Timby's Introductory Medical-Surgical Nursing (Donnelly-Moreno)	9781975172237	\$118.00
Memmler's Structure & Function of the Human Body, 12e, Enhanced Edition (Kerry L. Hull)	9781284268317	\$91.00
		TRIMESTER 1 ESTIMATED COST: \$3,561.00
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:		
Practical Nursing Special Academic Fee		\$100.00
OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS:		
ATI Nursing Software		\$400.00
Liability Insurance		\$20.00
Nurse Kit (Coursey Enterprises) <i>(estimated cost)</i>		\$224.99
		TRIMESTER 2 ESTIMATED COST: \$2,231.99

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:	
Practical Nursing Special Academic Fee	\$100.00
OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS:	
ATI Nursing Software	\$400.00
Hurst Review <i>(student pays directly to 3rd party)</i>	\$225.00
NCLEX Fees <i>(student pays directly to 3rd party)</i>	\$340.00
Passport Picture <i>(student pays directly to 3rd party)</i>	\$15.00
Graduation (one tassel, pin, uniform)	\$120.00
TRIMESTER 3 ESTIMATED COST: \$2,687.00	

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. **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.*
2. **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.*
3. All tuition, fees, books, nurse kit, etc. are due before the first day of class for each trimester.
4. **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).
6. **FINANCIAL AID REFUND:** If a student is receiving a financial aid refund, the refund may be used to pay for any direct and indirect costs. **REFUNDS ARE USUALLY ISSUED ABOUT 2 WEEKS AFTER THE 'EXPECTED PAYMENT DATE' LISTED ON THE AWARD PAYMENT SCHEDULE IN THE STUDENT'S PORTAL.**
7. Not all students receive enough in Financial Aid to pay for both direct and indirect costs.
8. NOT ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE A FINANCIAL AID REFUND.
9. For additional financial aid assistance eligibility, please see the financial aid office for a referral to the WIOA program.
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