TCAT Athens Cost Sheet
2026-2027
ELECTRICIAN TECHNOLOGY

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 Electrician Helper Certificate requires completion of the 1st trimester (432 hours). The Residential Electrician Certificate requires completion through the 2nd trimester (864 hours). The Electrician Technology Diploma requires completion through the 3rd trimester (1,296 hours). The Electrician-PLC Technology Diploma requires completion through the 4th trimester (1,728 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**
Electrician Helper		**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 **$**	$1,446.00	Due before 1st Day
*Technology Fee **$**	$85.00	Due before 1st Day
*Student Activity Fee **$**	$10.00	Due before 1st Day
SPECIAL ACADEMIC FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)		
Residential/Commerical/Industrial Elec Special Academic Fee **$**	$100.00	Due before 1st Day
TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**		
2023 NEC Handbook with Tabs (ISBN 9781455929078)	$308.00	Approximate
Ugly's Electrical Reference (ISBN 9781284119367)	$20.00	Approximate
Electricity 12th Edition (ISBN 9781637767030)	$135.00	Approximate
TOOLS: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)		
See Attached Tool List (estimated cost)	$797.27	Approximate

1st Trimester Estimated Total: $2,901.27

2nd TRIMESTER — 432 Total Clock Hours

Residential Electrician — **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
SPECIAL ACADEMIC FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)		
Residential/Commerical/Industrial Elec Special Academic Fee $	$100.00	Due before 1st Day
TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**		
Ugly's Residential Reference (ISBN 9781284119473)	$20.00	Approximate
Modern Residential Wiring (ISBN 9798897372140)	$65.00	Approximate
Modern Residential Wiring Workbook (ISBN 9798897375134)	$40.00	Approximate
Cracking the Code (ISBN 9798897371488)	$120.00	Approximate
2nd Trimester Estimated Total:	**$1,886.00**	

3rd TRIMESTER — 432 Total Clock Hours

Electrician Technology — **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
SPECIAL ACADEMIC FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)		
Residential/Commerical/Industrial Elec Special Academic Fee $	$100.00	Due before 1st Day
TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**		
Motor Control Systems (ISBN 9798901794128)	$90.00	Approximate
UGLY's Electric Motors & Controls (ISBN 9781284194555)	$25.00	Approximate
3rd Trimester Estimated Total:	**$1,756.00**	

4th TRIMESTER — 432 Total Clock Hours

Electrician - PLC Technology — **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
SPECIAL ACADEMIC FEES: (due BEFORE 1st day of class if not covered by financial aid or other 3rd party)		
Residential/Commerical/Industrial Elec Special Academic Fee $	$100.00	Due before 1st Day
TEXTBOOKS: (estimated cost & subject to change) **MUST BE ORDERED BY END OF 1st DAY OF CLASS**		
Technician's Guide to Programmable Controllers (ISBN 9780357622490)	$65.00	Approximate
4th Trimester Estimated Total:	**$1,706.00**	

Total Estimated Program Cost for Electrician Helper Certificate	$2,901.27
Total Estimated Program Cost for Residential Electrician Certificate	$4,787.27
Total Estimated Program Cost for Electrician Technology Diploma	$6,543.27
Total Estimated Program Cost for Electrician-PLC Technology Diploma	$8,249.27

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED COSTS FOR ENTIRE PROGRAM

Program Length:	**16 months (1,728 Clock Hours)**
Tuition & Fees: (can be covered by TN Promise & TCAT Reconnect if eligible)	**$6,164.00**
Special Academic Fees:	**$400.00**
Textbooks:	**$888.00**
Tools: (not purchased through TCAT-Athens)	**$797.27**
Estimated Total:	**$8,249.27**

1st TRIMESTER TOOL LIST

Tools and supplies must be purchased from outside sources. Cost is estimated and subject to change.
Tools are NOT SUPPLIED BY THE SCHOOL.
Tools listed are the "premium choice" of many electricians. Equivalent cheaper brands are acceptable.

Item Description	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost
Safety Glasses	1	$5.00
Klein Tools CL120VP Electrical Voltage Test Kit (or equivalent)	1	$75.55
Klein Tools 935DAG Digital Electronic Level & Angle Gauge (or equivalent)	1	$29.67
Klein Tools 51606 Aluminum Conduit Bender ½” (or equivalent)	1	$37.77
Electrical Lockout Tagout Kit, 34-Piece (or equivalent)	1	$25.99
TRADESAFE Lockout Tagout Plug Lock (or equivalent)	1	$17.95
Klein Tools 11055EP Wire Cutter & Stripper (or equivalent)	1	$20.99
Klein Tools 80020 Lineman's Plier Set, 3-Piece (or equivalent)	1	$71.99
Klein Tools 85076INS 1000V Insulated Screwdriver Set, 6-Piece (or equivalent)	1	$39.97
Wiha 26197 Precision Screwdriver Set, Slotted and Phillips, 7 Piece (or equivalent)	1	$29.98

Utility knife	1	$19.97
KLEIN TOOLS 647 Nut Driver Tool Set (or equivalent)	1	$59.99
STANLEY FATMAX Tape Measure, 25-Foot (33-725) (or equivalent)	1	$24.50
Cordless Hammer Drill & Impact driver set (student choice), price listed is for Milwaukee Electric - M18 Fuel 2-Tool Combo KIT 3697-22	1	$337.95
	Estimated Total:	**$797.27**

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.