



TCAT Dickson Cost Sheet
Summer 2026

Computer-Aided Design Technology

Please visit our website at <https://tcatdickson.edu/programs> for a comprehensive overview of each program

All book and supply costs are estimates and subject to change without notice.

First Trimester 432 Hours

Tuition	\$1,404.00	Due at Registration
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00	Due at Registration
Technology Fee	\$73.00	Due at Registration
Books		
Technical Drawing with Engineering Graphics 16ed ISBN# 9780138065720	\$128.00	Approximate
Solid Professor 2 Year Student License	\$125.00	Approximate
*Supplies		
Headphones (Earbuds)	\$8.78	Approximate
Flash Drive	\$9.88	Approximate
Calculated Industries Construction Master Pro Trig Calculator	\$110.85	Approximate
*Drafting Kit - Includes: Drafting Lead Holder with Lead, Compass Geometry, French Curve and Circle Templates, Architect Scale, Engineering Scale, Metal Ruler, Ames Lettering Guide, Drafting Erasers plus Eraser Shield, Triangle Rulers, Protractor, Drafting Dots	\$103.17	Approximate
Optional Exams (Cannot be charged to Financial Aid)		
Optional Exam - Autodesk Certified User (ACU): AutoDesk AutoCAD	\$92.00	Approximate
Optional Exam - Autodesk Certified User (ACU): AutoDesk Inventor	\$92.00	Approximate
Total Estimated First Trimester Cost	\$2,156.68	

Second Trimester 432 Hours

Tuition	\$1,404.00	Due at Registration
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00	Due at Registration
Technology Fee	\$73.00	Due at Registration
Optional Exams (Cannot be charged to Financial Aid)		
Optional Exam - Autodesk Certified User (ACU): Fusion 360	\$92.00	Approximate
Total Estimated Second Trimester Cost	\$1,579.00	

Third Trimester - Civil Drafter 432 Hours

Tuition	\$1,404.00	Due at Registration
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00	Due at Registration
Technology Fee	\$73.00	Due at Registration
Books		
Civil Drafting Technology 8ed ISBN# 9780134436043	\$189.00	Approximate
Structural, Civil, and Pipe Drafting 2ed ISBN# 9781133949398 (Not available through the bookstore)	\$251.00	Approximate
Autodesk Civil 3D 2026 Fundamentals ISBN# 9781630577339	\$65.00	Approximate
Total Estimated Third Trimester Cost	\$1,992.00	

Third Trimester - Drafting & CAD Technician 432 Hours

Tuition	\$1,404.00	Due at Registration
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00	Due at Registration
Technology Fee	\$73.00	Due at Registration
Total Estimated Third Trimester Cost	\$1,487.00	

Third Trimester - Mechanical Drafter		432 Hours
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Tuition	\$1,404.00	Due at Registration
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00	Due at Registration
Technology Fee	\$73.00	Due at Registration
Books		
Beginner's Guide to SOLIDWORKS 2024 - Level I ISBN# 9781630576288	\$63.00	Approximate
Beginner's Guide to SOLIDWORKS 2024 - Level II ISBN# 9781630576363	\$63.00	Approximate
Optional Exams (Cannot be charged to Financial Aid)		
Optional Exam Certified SOLIDWORKS Associate - Academic	\$125.00	Approximate
Total Estimated Third Trimester Cost	\$1,738.00	

Third Trimester - Architectural Drafter		432 Hours
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Tuition	\$1,404.00	Due at Registration
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00	Due at Registration
Technology Fee	\$73.00	Due at Registration
Books		
Cengage Unlimited - 12 Month Printed Access Card ISBN# 9780357700044	\$289.00	Approximate
Residential Design Using Autodesk Revit 2022 ISBN# 9781630574390	\$51.00	Approximate
*Supplies		
Portfolio for Drawings	\$24.15	Approximate
Optional Exams (Cannot be charged to Financial Aid)		
Optional Exam - Autodesk Certified User (ACU): AutoDesk Revit	\$92.00	Approximate
Total Estimated Third Trimester Cost	\$1,943.15	

Third Trimester - Structural Drafter		432 Hours
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Tuition	\$1,404.00	Due at Registration
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00	Due at Registration
Technology Fee	\$73.00	Due at Registration
Books		
Structural Steel Drafting and Design 2ed ISBN# 9781401890322	\$251.00	Approximate
Commercial Drafting & Detailing 4ed ISBN# 9781285097398	\$245.00	Approximate
Total Estimated Third Trimester Cost	\$1,983.00	

Fourth Trimester		432 Hours
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Tuition	\$1,404.00	Due at Registration
Student Activity Fee	\$10.00	Due at Registration
Technology Fee	\$73.00	Due at Registration
Total Estimated Fourth Trimester Cost	\$1,487.00	

Total Estimated Program Cost for Assistant Drafter Certificate - 432 Hours	\$2,156.68
Total Estimated Program Cost for Detail Drafter Certificate - 864 Hours	\$3,735.68
Total Estimated Program Cost for Civil Drafter Diploma - 1728 Hours	\$7,214.68
Total Estimated Program Cost for Drafting and CAD Technician Diploma - 1728 Hours	\$6,709.68
Total Estimated Program Cost for Mechanical Drafter Diploma - 1728 Hours	\$6,960.68
Total Estimated Program Cost for Architectural Drafter Diploma - 1728 Hours	\$7,165.83
Total Estimated Program Cost for Structural Drafter Diploma - 1728 Hours	\$7,205.68

**Please note, these tools/supplies on the cost sheet are not available for purchase through TCAT Dickson