

# 2023-2024 TTC Catalog

## Fees

As a state-supported institution, TTC bases its tuition and fees on appropriations granted by the South Carolina General Assembly. The tuition and fees charged by the college are directly affected by the action of the legislature and are, therefore, subject to change without notice.

A schedule of tuition and fees is available at the Admissions office on each of TTC's campuses or by calling 843.574.6111. You also may obtain the current tuition rate by visiting the college's website.

TTC does not mail bills to students. Students should review outstanding balances in Self Service in the portal and pay any balance due before the published payment deadline.

## Classification of Students

### *Student Status*

**Full Time:** A student enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester credit hours

**Part Time:** A student enrolled for 11.5 or fewer credit hours

The maximum credit load is 18 credit hours per **semester**. Enrollment is limited to 11 credit hours in terms 1 and 2 and six credit hours for each mini term. If you plan to enroll in courses totaling more than the maximum load per term or semester, you must receive approval from your program dean.

Enrollment data is reported to the National Student Clearinghouse several times throughout each semester. Students can access their enrollment certification through the National Student Clearinghouse through TTC Self-Service after the last day to drop for the term.

## Financial Aid Student Classification

Full time	12 semester credit hours
3/4 time	9 semester credit hours
1/2 time	6 semester credit hours

## Residency

Tuition is based on residency. TTC determines residency based on South Carolina law and South Carolina Commission on Higher Education regulations. Documentation may be required for proof of residency.

A dependent student seeking classification as a South Carolina resident will not be automatically disqualified from receiving instate tri-county tuition because of the citizenship or immigration status of their parent(s) or guardian(s). Staff should advise students that the immigration or citizenship status of a student's parents(s) or guardian(s) will not automatically disqualify them from receiving these benefits. For U.S. citizen students with undocumented parents or guardians, state-issued identification documents and other typical indicia of residency may not be available to the parents. In such cases, staff should work with the student to obtain alternate proof of the parents' residence and domicile in South Carolina, including but not limited to the other documents listed in S.C. Code Reg. § 62-605(C), as well as utility bills, lease documents, medical and school records, and other records that may indicate domicile. No particular document or combination of documents shall be conclusive in every case; rather, in all cases, regardless of the citizenship or immigration status of the parents or guardians, staff shall endeavor to determine whether South Carolina is the true, fixed, principal residence and place of habitation as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §59-112-10(D), based on the information and documentation submitted by the student. In all cases, the student has the burden of proving fulfillment of the requirements for in-state tuition and attendant benefits.

Military students on active duty need to provide the admissions office with their orders to gain in-state tuition. Military veterans utilizing GI Bill Benefits are covered students under the 702-Choice Act and will not be charged out of state tuition. See your Veterans assistance office for details.

## **Senior Citizens**

Legal residents of South Carolina age 60 or over may enroll in selected academic courses on a space-available basis without paying tuition. Senior citizens need to complete the certification form and submit it to the Business office prior to registration.

## **Student Insurance**

The college provides student accident insurance for all curriculum students. Current information on coverage and claims processing is available through Public Safety.

All students in Health Sciences and Nursing programs are required to carry professional liability and major medical insurance.

## **Fee Changes**

Fees are subject to change without notice by the TTC Area Commission.

## **Refund Policy**

Trident Technical College issues full refunds according to the refund periods published each term on public college calendars. The amount of the refund is based upon your official withdrawal from courses or reduction in enrolled hours. To officially withdraw from courses, you must submit a Course Withdrawal Form to the Registrar's office or withdraw via Navigate within the advertised withdrawal period.

Refunds will take approximately 3-4 weeks to process.

Any fees you owe the college are deducted from your refund. **No refunds are given for complete withdrawal or course withdrawal after the official refund period each term.**

## **South Carolina Tuition Tax Credit**

South Carolina Code Section 12-6-3385 provides a refundable individual income tax credit for tuition paid to an institution of higher learning. The credit for each taxable year is equal to 50 percent of the tuition paid, not to exceed \$1500 for a student attending either a four-year institution or a two-year institution.

Refer to form I-319 under forms and instructions on the South Carolina Department of Revenue website.

## **Repayment of Federal Financial Aid**

If you are receiving financial aid from Title IV federal funds (Pell, SEOG, Direct Lending) and you totally withdraw from college or stop attending without officially withdrawing for any reason prior to attending 60 percent of the term or semester, TTC will determine if you are required to repay Title IV funds based on Title IV regulations. If payment is required, TTC will return funds to the federal government according to the federal guidelines, which may result in a balance owed to TTC.

The U.S. Department of Education instituted this repayment policy in the 2000-01 academic year for students receiving Title IV assistance (financial aid).

A portion of financial aid funds will be returned to the appropriate federal program upon a recipient's total withdrawal from college. The amount returned is based on the percentage of enrollment completed for that term or semester and the amount of financial aid assistance considered earned.

1. The number of calendar days in the enrollment period (term or semester) is divided into the number of calendar days the student completed for that semester.
2. The amount of financial aid earned is equal to the percentage of the term or semester that was completed (up to the 60 percent point). If the student withdraws after the 60 percent point of the term or semester, the student will have earned 100 percent of financial aid funds received for that semester.

## **Veterans Tuition Payments**

All students receiving veterans' educational benefits, with the exception of the Post-911 (Chapter 33) Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Chapter 31) and state free tuition recipients, are required to pay their tuition and fees by the deadline date. These payments are due without regard to your receiving benefits checks from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Contact the TTC Veterans Assistance Center on the Thornley Campus in Bldg. 410 or call 843.574.6105 for additional information.

## **Veterans and Overpayments**

TTC certifies educational benefits for those veterans, spouses and children of deceased or 100 percent disabled veterans who are eligible according to the provisions established by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the state of South Carolina. Students receiving VA benefits that are processed through TTC's Veterans Assistance office must keep the TTC VA office informed about initial registration in classes each semester and immediately report any changes in enrollment status during the semester to avoid either underpayment or overpayment situations. If a TTC veteran student's enrollment status changes due to canceled classes, never-attended reporting or the student dropping classes, TTC must notify the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is the student's responsibility to contact TTC's VA office about any registration changes.

## **Additional Fees and Charges**

The fees listed below are not necessarily all inclusive and are subject to change without notice.

Credit by Exam Fee: \$45

Student ID Card Fee: \$5 for replacement ID; first card no charge

Student Official Transcript Fee: \$10 per transcript

Returned Checks and Credit Card Payments: A service fee is assessed in accordance with current law on all chargebacks of checks received in payment of books, fees, etc. that are returned by the bank for insufficient funds or closed accounts.

### **Debts Owed to the College**

You will not be permitted to receive your graduation diploma, transcripts or current semester grades, or to register for the upcoming semester until all debts incurred at the college have been paid in full.