



TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM: I.

MEETING DATE: July 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Off-Campus Location Center
Construction Career Center, TCAT Chattanooga

ITEM TYPE: Action

ACTION RECOMMENDATION: Approval

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §49-7-202(q)(3) the Tennessee Higher Education Commission is to review for approval all proposals for off-campus centers at public institutions. Furthermore, THEC Policy A1.4A: *Off-Campus Instruction – Community Colleges and Universities* defines an off-campus center as “a location that is geographically apart from the main campus where students can enroll and complete academic programs.” The A1.4A policy also applies in cases where a Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) is considered a part of a community college, as is the case with TCAT Chattanooga and Chattanooga State Community College.

TCAT Chattanooga is proposing an off-campus center to be named the Construction Career Center. The proposed center will be located at 225 Roanoke Avenue in Chattanooga. The facility is owned by the Hamilton County School District and will be provided at no cost to TCAT Chattanooga.

The center will offer the diploma program in Building Construction Technology with two embedded certificates (Construction Helper I and II). The technical diploma program will train students in carpentry, electricity, masonry, and plumbing. The proposed center will provide TCAT Chattanooga the opportunity to support the state of Tennessee’s higher education attainment goals by supplying the Chattanooga community a center in which skills in building construction can be earned. TCAT Chattanooga is projecting 60 dual enrollment students and adult learners will be enrolled in year one.

Chattanooga State Community College and TCAT Chattanooga will provide a full-time faculty member to instruct and support adult students while Hamilton County School District will provide a dual enrollment instructor who will work with the full-time faculty member. There will also be a part-time supportive staff person hired by TCAT Chattanooga to coordinate the program and assist faculty and students.

On June 16, 2022, the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) approved the proposed off-campus center for the Construction Career Center with an effective date of Fall 2022. Appendix A provides a summary of the proposed off-campus center that was presented at the TBR meeting.

APPENDIX A

**PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL
Tennessee Board of Regents June 16, 2022 Meeting**

INSTITUTION: Tennessee College of Applied Technology Chattanooga

PROPOSED PROGRAM TITLE: Building Construction Technology

PROPOSAL: Tennessee College of Applied Technology Chattanooga is proposing to replicate the Building Construction Technology program at the Building Construction Center (pending THEC site approval). TCAT Chattanooga plans to offer both Secondary and Post-Secondary courses of Building Construction Center at this location.

PROGRAM ACCREDITOR: N/A

EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2022

NEED: For every five people retiring from the trades, only one replacement is being trained. AGC/ AutoDesk survey shows that 89% of Tennessee construction companies can't find the workers they need. By 2028, there will be a need for more than 3 million construction workers across the country. This effort is supported by Hamilton County Schools, the City of Chattanooga, AGC East Tennessee, Chattanooga Chamber, and Chattanooga State Community College.

According to the Jobs4tn.gov website there are 1,686 jobs that use the keyword construction posting in Chattanooga, TN. Construction can mean different things depending on the occupation, but there are 123 production occupations, 98 construction and extraction occupations, 88 installation, maintenance, and repair occupations, etc.

PROJECTED ENROLLMENT:

YEAR	ENROLLMENT	COMPLETERS
1	60	11
2	85	20
3	95	29

PROJECTED COSTS:

YEAR	COST
1st Year:	\$20,000
2nd Year:	\$64,000
3rd Year:	\$64,000

NEW FACULTY NEEDED:

YEAR	NUMBER	COST
1st Year:	1	\$77,000
2nd Year:	0	\$77,000
3rd Year:	0	\$77,000

FISCAL RESOURCES:

The tuition and fees obtained from the program should cover the faculty's salary and program related costs.

FACILITIES:

The facilities are owned by Hamilton County Schools, and they are providing the use of the building at no cost to the institution. After the first year, Chattanooga State will begin to pay for maintenance of the building. We believe that the cost of maintenance will be covered by tuition and fees from the student enrolled in the program.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Tennessee Board of Regents staff recommends approval.