

**TUITION, FINANCIAL AID AND PAYMENT**

**I. Tuition and Fees:** The tuition and fees charged for resident and non-resident students shall be determined annually by the Board. For post-secondary students, residency shall be determined by the student's primary place of residence at the time application for admission is made. For secondary students, residency is determined by the primary place of residence of the student's parent or legal guardian.

**II. Financial Assistance:** Financial aid is awarded to students according to institutional policies and federal regulations on the basis of need and ability to benefit from the training without regard to age, race, religion, or sex. Information on any of the available financial aid programs may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office. Student must apply for federal and state aid before other financial resources are available.

VA Benefits and distance learning programs:—In accordance with the Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans education and training benefits under Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Title 38 and, in particular, the Title 38 definitions of institutions of higher learning, non-college degree and independent study, the District is committed to the policy and agreement not to enroll students utilizing VA education benefits in courses or programs deemed to be distance learning, also known as independent study. Addendum to VA Benefits and Independent Study: Per H.R. 3218 Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 SEC. 02, enacted August 2017, students utilizing Chapter 33 Post 911 GI BILL educational benefits at NCD technology centers may use VA benefits for independent study programs. This law, however may not allow payment for independent study utilizing Chapter 35 (high school and adult dependents).

**III. Payments and Refunds:**

Post-Secondary Students in Full Time Programs: Tuition for post-secondary students enrolled in full-time programs is due and payable on or before the first day of each payment period or a payment contract has been arranged and signed. A post-secondary student who withdraws on or before the tenth scheduled school day of class for a payment period not completed the student will be refunded 100% of institutional charges for tuition paid less enrollment fees, books and supplies. After the tenth scheduled school day of class for a payment period, no institutional charges will be refunded. In addition to Southern Tech's refund policy, students receiving Federal and State financial aid are subject to the Federal and State financial aid refund policies as published by the Department of Education and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and referred to in the Student Information Bulletin and the Consumer Information Guide.

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Students in Adult & Career Development (ACD) Courses: Tuition for students enrolled in ACD courses is due for the entire course at the time of enrollment and to be placed on the course's roster. If a student officially withdraws from an ACD course prior to the second class meeting, the District shall refund 100% of the tuition paid less:

- \$10 process fee, and
- Book fee; if the book(s) have already been dispersed/used, and
- Supply fee; if the supplies have already been dispersed/used

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**SOUTHERN TECH Tuition 2018-2019**  
**(Effective 1-4-18)**

Total Hours in Program	In-District Tuition (post-secondary)	Out-of-District (post-secondary)	Out-of-District (secondary)	Out-of-State (post-secondary)
# of hours in Program	\$2.50/hour	\$5/hour	\$13,227.	\$7.50/hour

**Individual Courses within Full-Time Programs:** Student must pay for a minimum of 60 hours plus required supplies, materials and fees.

**Dental Hygiene Tuition:** As set by the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry (within the SOUTHERN TECH/ OUCOD agreements including tuition, fees, and local fees).

**Fees and Supplies**

Fees are due on or before the first day of class.

<b>Student Activity Fee – all students</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
Practical Nursing Enrollment Fee	\$ 25.00

**Postsecondary Students Only:**

*Note:* Actual fees are updated annually and can be obtained from the Adult Advisor.

Average books and supplies	\$ 300.00
Average books, supplies, fees <i>for LPN</i>	\$2,605.00
Average books, supplies, fees <i>for Cosmetology</i>	\$ 456.00
Average books, supplies, fees <i>for Esthetics</i>	\$ 700.00

**Payment Options**

- Cash, check, or credit card
- Verification of Financial Aid (Pell Grant, Scholarships, other aid)
- Verification and billing confirmation of a sponsoring agency or employer
- Signed payment plan contract for tuition

*Note:* Failure of the student or student's sponsor to make payment on time will result in an immediate administrative withdrawal.

**Accelerating Independence Scholarship**

Southern Tech Accelerating Independence (AI) Scholarship covers 100% of tuition for students with high school diplomas from any of Southern Tech's in-district, public, parochial, or home-schools through the age of 24 for one program. GED transcript students, or high school diploma students from outside of the Southern Tech district, will need to show a history of residing in the district for a minimum of one year. The AI scholarship assists students who do not have the funds available to meet tuition cost. Students attending Southern Tech while in high school must have had at least a "C" as their final semester grade while attending Southern Tech and stayed within Southern Tech's attendance policy. Acceptance of the AI Scholarship will not qualify for other scholarships and awards through Southern Tech. 100% of a students' Federal Pell Grant is applied toward tuition prior to awarding the scholarship.

**For more detailed qualifications, see the Statement of Terms & Conditions in the Accelerating Independence Scholarship Application.**

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**Scholarships and Awards**

**Other scholarships and awards received on behalf of the student by Southern Tech will be applied or disbursed in the following order:**

1. Outstanding tuition, books or fees due Southern Tech,
2. Purchases paid out-of-pocket by the student for testing, certifications, books, uniforms or other expenses directly related to their field of study at Southern Tech.

Any remaining monies will be distributed to the student. Itemized receipts must be provided when requesting reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses.

**\*Set annually by ODCTE**

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