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REGENTS ONLINE CAMPUS COLLABORATIVE

A Tennessee Board of Regents Online Education Initiative

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The Collaborative at a Glance

The Regents Online Campus Collaborative is an award-winning program that brings together postsecondary educational resources from the 6 state universities, 13 community colleges, and 27 colleges of applied technology located across the state of Tennessee. Through Regents Online, students can earn Associates, Bachelors and Masters degrees, Nursing Post Masters certificates and occupational diplomas/certificates from institutions in the collaborative.

Launched in Fall 2001, the Regents Online Campus Collaborative (ROCC) has grown from 1,048 students to over 13,200 students in 2013. This unique program was developed under the direction of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), one of the nation's largest systems of public higher education with a combined annual enrollment of over 200,000 students. In 2013, the Board of Regents awarded academic credentials to over 34,000 individuals.

The **REGENTS ONLINE CAMPUS COLLABORATIVE** is one of the more robust efforts to promote online learning in the country.

SOURCE: *U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 2012 Leaders & Laggards Series*

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National and Regional Accreditation – A Quality Indicator

Accreditation is a process of validation in which colleges and universities of higher learning are evaluated. It's an indicator that an institution or program meets standards of quality and that there is a commitment to continuously seek ways to enhance the quality of education and training provided.

Why is accreditation important to you? The accreditation process offers you a better chance of credits transferring to other institutions should you decide to obtain a Bachelor's, Master's or doctoral level of education. Accreditation also enables companies and hiring managers to filter job candidates based upon the accreditation status of the institution that awarded their degree.

Regents Online degree programs and courses are offered through Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) institutions.

All TBR campuses are accredited by:
The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097
Phone: 1-404-679-4500

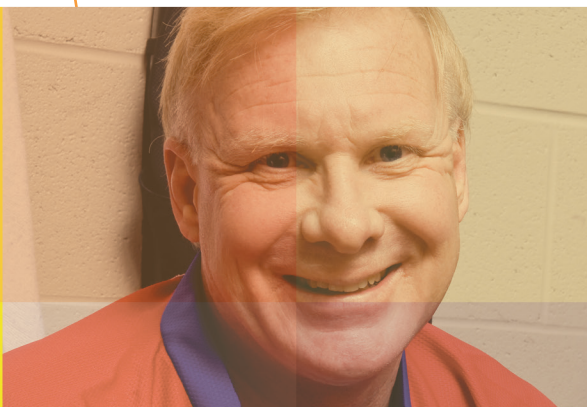**All Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology are accredited by:**
Council on Occupational Education (COE)
7840 Roswell Road
Building 300, Suite 325
Atlanta, GA 30350
Phone: 1-770-396-3898
Website: www.council.org

The Master's of Science in Nursing program is accredited by:
The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
Telephone: 1-404-975-5000
Website: www.acenursing.org

The Health Information Technology program is accredited by:
The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)

Community College and University Programs

The Regents Online Campus Collaborative offers online degree programs and courses to meet the needs of you, your family, your employer, your community and your state.

Associate Degree Programs
- Early Childhood Education
- Criminal Justice
- Health Information Technology
- Web Technology
- General Studies (University Parallel)
- Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals Preparation (University Parallel)
- Professional Studies with a concentration in Information Technology

Bachelor Degree Programs
- Professional Studies with concentrations in Health Administration, Information Technology, Organizational Leadership, International Organizational Leadership
- Interdisciplinary Studies (General Studies, Liberal Studies, University Studies)

Master Degree Programs
- Education
- Nursing with a concentration in Nursing Education
- Nursing with a concentration in Nursing Administration
- Nursing with a concentration in Nursing Informatics
- Nursing with a concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner
- RN to MSN Bridge Option
- Professional Studies with concentrations in Strategic Leadership, Human Resources Leadership, Training and Development

Post Masters Certificates
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Nursing Administration
- Nursing Education
- Nursing Informatics

Teacher Education Credentials
- Additional Endorsements
- Occupational Licensure
- Transitional Licensure
- Professional Development

Tennessee College of Applied Technology Programs

The Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology provide industry current training for workers to obtain the technical skills and knowledge necessary for advancement in today's competitive job market. Through their workforce development mission, the colleges help businesses and industries satisfy their need for a well-trained, skilled workforce.

Technical Certificates
- LPN Refresher Course
- Dementia Care
- General Office Assistant
- Software Applications Specialist
- PC Operator
- Information Processing Technician
- Detail Drafter
- CAD Technician Certificate for Practicing Professionals

Technical Diplomas
- Administrative Assistant
- Accounting Administrative Assistant
- Medical Administrative Assistant
- Computer Support Specialist
- Web Developer
- Computer Information Systems
- Drafting and CAD Technician

Choose Your School from a Lineup of Nationally Respected Schools

When you apply for admission to a Regents Online program, you select a "home campus" from the schools shown below. Your credentials (degree, diploma, certificate, endorsements, licensure) are awarded by the institution you choose as your "home campus."

Universities and Community Colleges

Austin Peay State University

ETSU — East Tennessee State University

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS

A National Leader in Technology — Chattanooga State Community College

Start Something Great! Cleveland State COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Columbia State COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DSCC — Dyersburg State Community College

Jackson State Community College

MOTLOW COLLEGE — My Motlow. My Future.

Nashville State Community College

NORTHEAST STATE

PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Roane State COMMUNITY COLLEGE

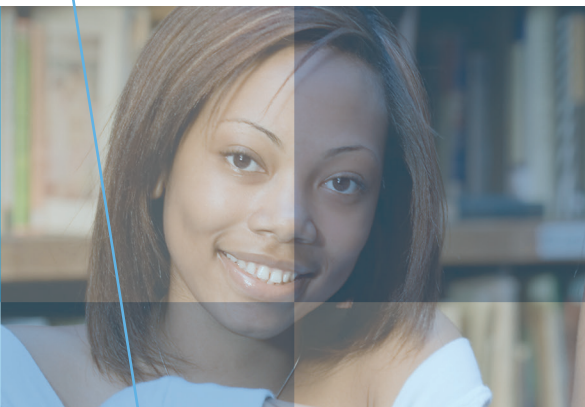SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

VOLUNTEER STATE Community College

WALTERS STATE THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TENNESSEE COLLEGES OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

Athens
Chattanooga
Covington
Crossville
Crump
Dickson
Elizabethton
Harriman
Hartsville
Hohenwald
Jacksboro
Jackson
Knoxville
Livingston
McKenzie
McMinnville
Memphis
Morristown
Murfreesboro
Nashville
Newbern
Oneida/Huntsville
Paris
Pulaski
Ripley
Shelbyville
Whiteville

NOTE: *Some programs are only offered at selected schools or locations. Therefore, your "home campus" choices may be fewer.*

Faculty and Student Diversity – A Winning Combination

As a Regents Online student, you gain access to highly-qualified faculty members from both your "home campus" and other institutions across the TBR system. For example, your English course might be taught by a faculty member from Middle Tennessee State University while your Math class is delivered by a professor from Tennessee Technological University. Our diverse pool of faculty members from across the campus collaborative gives you exposure to a wide range of opinions, philosophies, regional perspectives and experiences that you might not otherwise receive in an online or on-campus setting.

Your online classmates are from all walks of life — a working mom trying to juggle a family and a career, a displaced worker pursuing a new career path, a high school student taking dual enrollment courses to earn college credit, a recent college graduate interested in adding credentials to their resume, an empty nester looking to reenter the workforce. Odds are you will find someone with educational and career aspirations similar to yours.

No Difference between Online and On-Campus Degrees

As a Regents Online student, you will receive the same certificate and degree award as on-campus students. Your transcripts and diploma will not differentiate whether your courses were taken online or on campus. Upon program completion, your diploma will be awarded from the institution you selected as your "home campus."

24/7 Convenience on Your Terms

The Regents Online Campus Collaborative delivers college courses and programs to you at home, at work, on the road, at the library or on vacation; any time of day or night, including weekends. No more long waits in lines or hours away from your job and family. No commuting, no parking fees, no childcare arrangements, no last-minute changes to your calendar. You plan your education around your busy work and family schedule. You can register online, buy your books and visit the library anytime, anywhere!

Easy Transfer of General Education Core Courses within Tennessee Colleges and Universities

A 41-hour lower division General Education core is offered at all TBR universities and community colleges. This core is fully transferrable within the TBR system, participating TICUA private colleges and universities, and the University of Tennessee. This means you don't have to retake core courses when you transfer to another school.

Other avenues of transfer are available, including course equivalency agreements for the transfer of specific courses and articulation agreements for the transfer of programs.

Advisors at your "home campus" will provide you with guidance regarding transfer and career preparation based upon campus practices and policies.
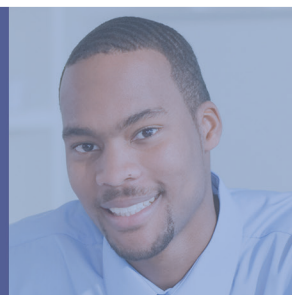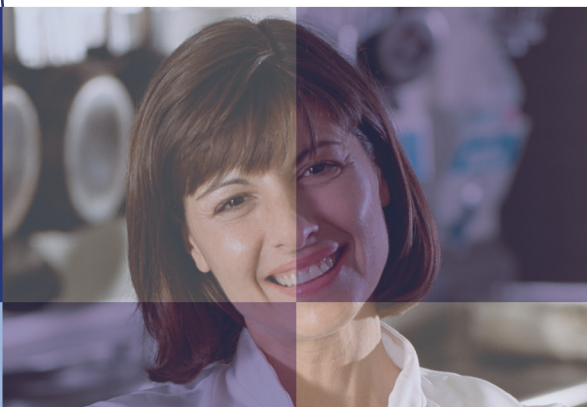
Knowledgeable Advisors You Can Trust

We understand that decisions about your education are some of the most important and difficult ones you can make in your lifetime. Once you've determined your interests, goals and career aspirations, our knowledgeable campus advisors can provide you with important information vital to making your decision with confidence. We want to be a resource you can rely upon and trust, rather than one that puts personal and program interests above your interests.

We are ready to answer questions you have about:

College versus vocational programs
Two-year versus four-year programs
Programs of study
Course offerings
Admissions criteria
Application process

Program costs
Class sizes
Learning in an online environment
Technical requirements for online learning
Transfer credit

Affordability and Value – A Wise Financial Choice

Why pay more and possibly incur significant student loan debt when you can go through Regents Online and earn an affordable education from a respected institution? On a comparative basis, Regents Online courses and programs can be up to half the cost of programs offered by other online education providers and private institutions.

For a current tuition and fee schedule, visit our website at **www.rodp.org** and click on the Financial Aid & Tuition tab.

Financial aid and scholarships may be available for those who qualify. Both sources of funding are administered by your "home campus."

Access to Virtual Support Services

Your academic success is very important to us. As a Regents Online student, you have access to a wide array of support services throughout your online learning experience.

Technical Support Assistance – If you experience problems logging in to your course, have questions about using features in the Learning Management System, or need clarification on policies and procedures, contact our Technical Support Services Help Desk. Available during the day, evenings, weekends and most holidays, our friendly and knowledgeable staff can be reached via phone or through our online help portal. Knowledge books and forums on the portal offer self-service lookups to frequently-asked questions. If you can't find answers to your questions through the self-help options, simply file an electronic ticket detailiing your need for assistance. A Help Desk staff member will respond to your ticket at their earliest convenience.

Prior to the start of your semester, you can access documentation on the ROCC website to become familiar with learning management system features you will routinely use throughout your term of study. The documentation provides screen shots, detailed explanations and step-by-step instructions.

Virtual Bookstore – No more waiting in line to buy books! The Virtual Bookstore makes it easy to buy books and software online from the comfort of your home. Log on to the Virtual Bookstore website, select your course, load your shopping cart, checkout and pay with a major credit card or book voucher. It doesn't get much easier than this!

At the end of your term, you can sell your textbooks back to the bookstore online, all day, every day. During major buyback periods, you could get up to 50% cash back for your textbooks based on condition and demand.

Access to Virtual Support Services (Continued)

Virtual Library – When you need to conduct research for a term paper or are interested in broadening your knowledge on a subject, our Virtual Library is open 24/7 to assist you in your search for information. Instead of spending hours in vain looking for information on the Internet, turn to the Virtual Library's collection of online databases, journals, reference materials, eBooks, directories and streaming videos, plus more for the info you need. All of these resources are available at no cost to you. If you need help getting started, simply turn to our highly-trained librarians available via email, live chat and reference desk phone support for quick and friendly assistance.

Smarthinking Tutoring – Stumped by a math problem? Need a new pair of eyes to review your essay for grammatical accuracy? Having trouble understanding a complex chemistry concept? With Smarthinking, you get live one-on-one online help and support from experienced tutors in Math, Math en Español, Writing, ESOL, Spanish, General Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Economics, Statistics and Accounting.

Continuing Your Education After Graduation

Regents Online offers courses designed for professional advancement as well as personal enrichment. Some courses are offered during scheduled timeframes throughout the year while others are available on demand. Individuals attending these courses can earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for certification and/or recertification to maintain credentials in a specified field of work or study.

The courses cover a wide range of topics including:

Allied Health	Human Resources	Nursing/Healthcare
CPS® and CAP® Reviews	NCLEX Licensure Examination Prep	Physical Therapy
Early Childhood Development	Law Enforcement	Public Safety

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Getting Started – The Application Process

To get started on your degree program or taking selected courses, follow these steps:

STEP ONE: Complete the prospective student profile available online at **www.rodp.org**

STEP TWO: Apply <u>directly</u> to the school of your choice for admission

STEP THREE: Follow "home campus" admissions procedures and deadlines

STEP FOUR: Determine how you will pay for your education

- ✔ Check out tuition fees and deadlines for your "home campus"
- ✔ Apply for scholarships through your "home campus"
- ✔ Apply for Financial Aid at: **www.fafsa.gov**

STEP FIVE: Obtain acceptance from your home campus

STEP SIX: Follow any additional requirements (advising, orientation, online account setup, etc.) recommended by your "home campus"

STEP SEVEN: Register for ROCC courses through your "home campus"

- ✔ Perform a system check on your computer hardware and software
- ✔ Purchase your books through the Regents Online virtual bookstore
- ✔ Log in to your class on the first day of the semester

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