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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 26 technology centers located across the state of Tennessee. Through Regents Online, students can earn Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's degrees or diplomas and certificates from institutions in the collaborative.

Launched in Fall 2001, the Regents Online Campus Collaborative (ROCC) has grown from 1,048 students to over 14,500 students in 2010. This unique program was developed under the direction of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR), the sixth largest system of public higher education in the United States with a combined annual enrollment of over 190,000 students. The Board of Regents annually awards academic credentials to approximately 22,000 individuals.

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# National and Regional Accreditation – A Quality Indicator

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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 Technology Centers 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](http://www.council.org)

## The Master's of Science in Nursing program is accredited by:

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)  
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326  
Telephone: 1-404-975-5000  
Website: [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.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 Program Offerings

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's 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's 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's 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
- Bridge Option
- Professional Studies with concentrations in Strategic Leadership, Human Resources Leadership, Training and Development

## Post Master's Certificate

- Family Nurse Practitioner

## Teacher Education

- Additional Endorsements
- Occupational Licensure
- Transitional Licensure
- Professional Development



# Tennessee Technology Center Programs

The Technology Centers 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 Centers help businesses and industries satisfy their need for a well-trained, skilled workforce.

## Technical Certificates

- Allied Health  
LPN Refresher  
Dementia Care
- Business Systems Technology  
General Office Assistant  
Software Applications Specialist
- Computer Information Systems  
PC Operator  
Information Processing Technician
- Drafting and CAD Technology  
Detail Drafter  
CAD Technician Certificate for Practicing Professionals
- Web Page Authoring

## Technical Diplomas

- Business Systems Technology (available Summer 2011)  
Administrative Assistant with Accounting emphasis  
Administrative Assistant with Customer Service Technology emphasis  
Medical Administrative Assistant with Transcription emphasis  
Medical Administrative Assistant with Insurance and Coding emphasis
- Computer Information Systems  
Computer Support Specialist  
Web Developer  
Computer Information Systems
- Drafting and CAD Technology  
Drafting and CAD Technician

# Choose Your School from a Lineup of Nationally Respected Schools

When you enroll as a Regents Online student, you select a “home campus” from the schools shown in the list below. Your credentials (degree, diploma, certificate, endorsements, licensure) are awarded from the institution you choose as your “home campus.”

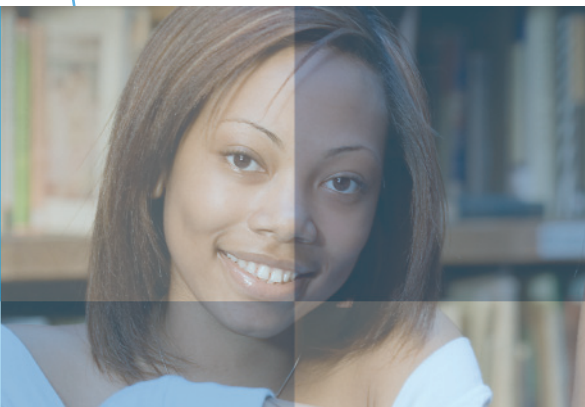
## Universities and Community Colleges

Austin Peay State University  
East Tennessee State University  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Tennessee State University  
Tennessee Technological University  
The University of Memphis  
Chattanooga State Community College  
Cleveland State Community College  
Columbia State Community College  
Dyersburg State Community College  
Jackson State Community College  
Motlow State Community College  
Nashville State Community College  
Northeast State Community College  
Pellissippi State Community College  
Roane State Community College  
Southwest Tennessee Community College  
Volunteer State Community College  
Walters State Community College

## Tennessee Technology Centers

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 designated schools. Therefore, your list of “home campus” choices may be narrowed to some rather than all.





## Faculty and Classroom 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 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 Core Courses within the Tennessee Board of Regents System

A 40-hour lower division General Education core is offered at all TBR universities and community colleges. This core is fully transferrable within the TBR system, which means you don't have to retake core courses when you transfer to another school.

Other avenues of transfer are available to students attending TBR institutions, the University of Tennessee

system and schools around the country. These avenues include 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 transition and career preparation based upon campus practices and policies.

## Knowledgeable Advisors You Can Trust

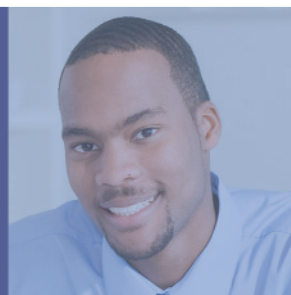
Regents Online campus contacts and advisors understand that decisions about your education are some of the most important and difficult ones you can make in your lifetime. Once you've determined your interests, goals and career aspirations, our

knowledgeable 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
- Plus, more!





## 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. We even offer an e-Rate for

students that are not residents of Tennessee.

For a current tuition and fee schedule, visit our website at [www.rodpo.org](http://www.rodpo.org).

Financial aid may be available for those who qualify.

## 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.

**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.

**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.



# Virtual Career Center – Providing Job Search and Career Planning Assistance

Designed for students, recent grads, working adults and adults in career transition, the Virtual Career Center has a wealth of resources available to assist you in the career planning process.

### Not sure about a career choice?

Take a personality and skills assessment to determine your compatibility for a given profession.

### Nearing graduation, but nervous about searching for a job?

Explore the resume resources and interviewing skills advice before you begin your job search.

### Considering a career move?

Search the career database to find out about education

requirements, knowledge, skills and abilities needed to perform specific jobs. Also learn about future employment prospects in your chosen field and anticipated wage and salary data.

### Looking to reenter the workforce?

Turn your career challenges into career opportunities through the jobs database, career planning and skill-building courses available to you. Or, attend a virtual career fair!



Visit <http://careers.rodpc.org/> and see for yourself.

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## Continuing Your Education After Graduation

Regents Online offers courses designed for professional advancement as well as personal enrichment. Some courses are offered during specific 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  
Business  
Commercial Driving  
CPS® and CAP® Reviews  
Hospitality  
Human Resources

Information Technology  
Law, Public Safety and Human Services  
Nursing/Health Services  
Personal Care Services  
Physical Therapy  
Spanish  
Public Service Offerings

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# Take the Next Step - Point Your Future in a New Direction

## Perform a Hardware and Software Compatibility Check

If you're concerned about how your computing resources will perform in an online learning environment, it's easy to find out by performing a simple system check. Just visit the link shown below and you'll find out how your system stacks up.



[www.rodphelpdesk@tbr.edu](http://www.rodphelpdesk@tbr.edu)



Visit <http://elearn.rodphelpdesk@tbr.edu>

and log in with the following credentials:

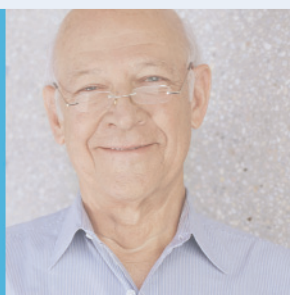
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## Getting Started – The Application Process

To get started on furthering your education, complete these steps:

- STEP ONE:** Complete the prospective student profile available online at [www.rodphelpdesk@tbr.edu](http://www.rodphelpdesk@tbr.edu)
- STEP TWO:** Apply for admission to the “home campus” of your choice
- STEP THREE:** Review the tuition, fees and costs for courses
- STEP FOUR:** Find financial aid and payment information from your home campus
- STEP FIVE:** Review your home campus calendar for important dates and deadlines
- STEP SIX:** Obtain acceptance from your home campus





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