

University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Proposed Increases to 2026-27 In-State Undergraduate Tuition and Mandatory Fees

The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees will consider a proposal to increase undergraduate in-state tuition and mandatory fees at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) during the Board’s annual meeting on February 26-27, 2026. Tennessee law (Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-7-1603) requires boards of public universities to give public notice of proposed increases to tuition and mandatory fees charged to in-state undergraduate students at least fifteen (15) days prior to holding a public meeting to adopt the increases. Individuals are permitted to provide comments during the fifteen-day period at the following website:

<https://tennessee.edu/about/leadership/board-of-trustees/tuition-and-fee-proposal/>

| Proposed Tuition & Mandatory Fees | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | Change | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| In-State Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene | \$10,745 | \$10,960 | \$215 | 2.0% |
| In-State Bachelor of Science Nursing (traditional) | \$9,023 | \$9,203 | \$180 | 2.0% |
| In-State Bachelor of Science Nursing (accelerated) | \$13,535 | \$13,806 | \$271 | 2.0% |
| In-State Bachelor Medical Technology | \$8,512 | \$8,682 | \$170 | 2.0% |
| RN-to-BSN – Undergraduate (per Credit Hour)** | \$400 | \$400 | \$0 | 0.0% |
| Mandatory Fee | \$1,339 | \$1,339 | \$0 | 0.0% |
| ***Combined Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increase, Bachelor of Science – Nursing – Accelerated Program | \$14,874 | \$15,145 | \$271 | 1.8% |

** The RN-to-BSN program is billed on a per-credit hour basis and can be completed in one-year, depending on the student’s choice of hours per semester. This program requires thirty credit hours, and the total cost of the program is \$12,000, whether it is completed in one year or more.

*** For evaluation purposes, the Undergraduate program, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Accelerated) program is being used, as it is the undergraduate program with the highest tuition dollar increase for resident students. This program, combined with the Mandatory Fee increase, is used to provide a total percentage increase for undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees.

Explanation for the Proposed Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases

The proposed change includes increases to the maintenance fee (tuition) between \$170 and \$271 based upon the individual program as outlined in the table above. There are no proposed increases in mandatory fees for Academic Year 2026-27. These increases are needed to provide revenue to cover growth in the costs of providing a learning infrastructure and to maintain the quality and effectiveness of these programs into the future. It is also expected that the UT Health Science Center will continue to increase funding allocated to scholarships needed to recruit, support, and retain highly qualified students. In our ongoing efforts to keep tuition and fees low and assure access and affordability, the UT Health Science Center has had very limited tuition increases over the past several years and no changes in mandatory fees over a period of several years.

Purposes for Which the Revenue Derived from the Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases Will be Used

In keeping with our commitment to the State of Tennessee to share the cost of annual operating increases, part of the revenues generated from the tuition increase will be used to fund our (40%) share of annual operating increases. This amount will be calculated against the funding provided for such purposes by the State as part of the recommended formula. The formula model, first approved in Fiscal Year 2026, calls for the University to match at a 60/40 distribution, annual operating cost increases at the UT Health Science Center. Remaining funds will be set aside for scholarships and leveraged to raise additional donor supported funds to increase the overall number and amount scholarships available to students at the UT Health Science Center.

Efforts to Mitigate the Effect of Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increases on Students

The UT Health Science Center makes every reasonable effort to mitigate the effect of tuition and fee increases on students. This includes managing overall operating costs and limiting other fees and charges where possible. In addition to investing directly in additional unrestricted scholarships, the UT Health Science Center plans to continue to leverage this investment to increase fundraising efforts for scholarships to provide more financial aid to students in the future. Additionally, the UT Health Science Center is currently developing a robust scholarship funding and awarding model. Over the course of the past couple of years, the UT Health Sciences Center has taken several actions to streamline operations and reduce costs, most recently offering a voluntary early retirement program aimed at further streamlining operations and reinvestment of realized savings to support strategic investments in facilities in need of upgrades.