

EDUCATION

Committed to quality education, the Northeast Tennessee Valley region offers excellent education opportunities

Primary and Secondary Education

Primary, secondary and college education is a priority in Tennessee. State lottery revenue is dedicated to education, and the state has an initiative to produce more college graduates in science and math. New programs in K-12 emphasize science and math and strive to improve test scores in all curriculums. The following are examples of partnerships, accountability and innovation of the school systems located in the Northeast Tennessee Valley Regional Industrial Development Association area.

Teach Tennessee encourages mid-career and retired professionals to become teachers in math and science.

FastTrack is a "jump start" program conducted through a partnership between area high schools and Northeast State Community College.

GEAR UP is a program conducted by East Tennessee State University to help 7th and 8th graders gain awareness and readiness for high school, college and the workforce.

Partners in Education unites city and county schools with area businesses to address needs of the local workforce.

Educate and Grow is a scholarship program provided to qualified high school graduates in Sullivan, Washington, Unicoi and Johnson counties who wish to attend Northeast State Community College.

Tennessee Scholars are high school students who have completed a specific curriculum that provides a market for higher education.

Educational Testing: Tennessee is a leader in accountability testing for all students. The TVAAS scoring system provides precise data measurement of techniques which best recognizes.

Tennessee Lottery revenue is dedicated to college scholarships for qualified students.

Private Schools are available throughout the region (K-12).

Higher Education

4-year Colleges & Universities

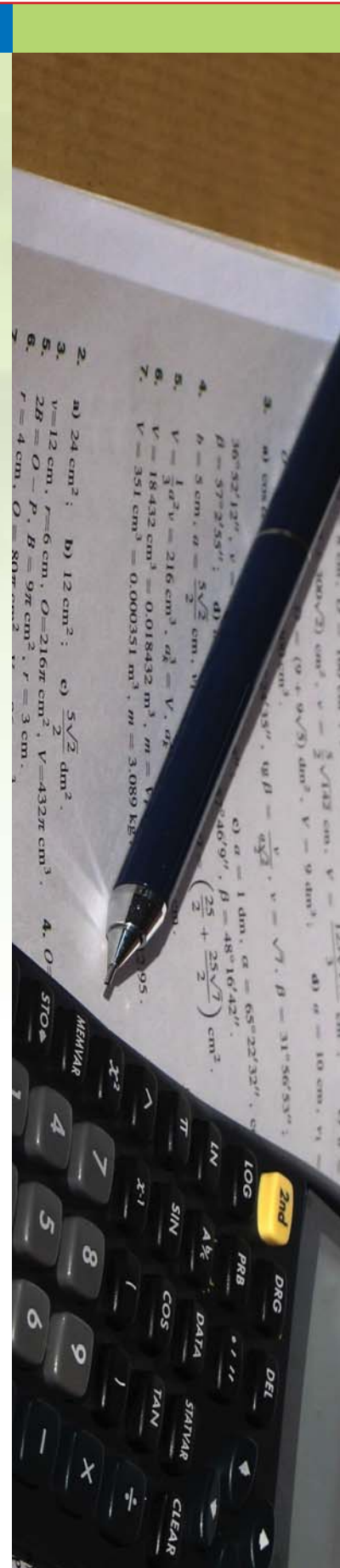
East Tennessee State University (ETSU) offers 200 undergraduate, graduate and medical degree programs of study. These include Bachelor of General Studies, Bachelor of Applied Science, the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Technology (including a degree in Digital Media), College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Nursing, College of Public and Allied Health. The School of Graduate Studies offers Masters (including an Accelerated MBA) and PhD. programs. Students can earn advanced degrees through Internet, distance learning and industry-on-site programs. Enrollment is 10,000 students.

Milligan College is a private, Christian, liberal-arts college in Northeast Tennessee. For several years in a row, Milligan was rated as one of the Best Liberal Arts Colleges in the country by US News & World Report. The college offers degrees such as: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor and Masters of Science in Business Administration, and online Computer Information Systems majors, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Masters of Education, and Masters of Occupational Therapy. Enrollment is approximately 1,000 students.

Tusculum College is a private college in Tennessee offering 21 Majors leading to the Bachelor of Arts Degree. The Graduate & Professional Studies program offers degree tracks leading to a Bachelor of Science, Organizational Management, Marketing, a Master of Arts in Organizational Management and the Master of Arts in Education. Tusculum offers working adults opportunities to finish their degrees or get advanced degrees through concentrated study programs at off-campus sites, industry on-site and internet classes. Enrollment is 2,122.

Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee is a private liberal arts and professional studies college offering programs in English, Humanities, Math, Natural Science (including Environmental Science, Biology and Chemistry) Nursing and Allied Health. LMU is also offering Masters-level programs in Business and Nursing. Online and off-site classes are available. Enrollment is 2,800.

King College is a private college offering 80 majors, minors and concentrations. Degrees are offered in areas such as Business, Science, Math, Chemistry, Computer Science, Forensic Science, Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry that meets all requirements for a pre-med program, Pharma-





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ceutical Sciences, Management and International Business and Global Health, and Pre-Engineering. King has been rated one of the top colleges in the nation for 16 years by U.S. News & World Report. Enrollment is 970 students.

Carson Newman College has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the best educational value in Tennessee and one of the best in the South among colleges and universities that offer master's level degrees. More than 40 majors in business and science and other areas are offered. Enrollment is 2,150.

University of Tennessee, the largest and oldest university in the state, offers more than 90 major programs in nine different colleges. In recent years, University of Tennessee has been rated by U.S. News & World Reports as having outstanding programs in Logistics, Social Work, Law, Education, Civil Engineering, Forensic Science and Physical Therapy. The main campus is located in Knoxville, Tennessee. Enrollment is 26,100.

Appalachian State University in North Carolina offers 170 degrees including 80 graduate degrees in Business, Education, Science, Environmental Science, Technology and Liberal Arts and many others. Ranked fifth overall among regional public universities in the South by U.S. News and World Report and among the top five Best College values in the U.S. by Forbes. Enrollment is 12,500.

Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia was established in 1908 and today offers 87 Bachelor Degrees in the Arts, Education, sciences including Pre-medicine and Pre-veterinarian medicine, Computer Information Management, Pre-law, Equine Studies and many other degrees. The college also offers associate degrees in Allied Health, General Studies and Graphic Design. The college has a well-developed curriculum of online coursework and adult degrees in subjects from business to teacher education.

2-year Colleges

Northeast State Community College offers associate and bachelor degrees and develops curriculum in partnership with area employers to specifically fill the needs of area business and industry, such as Computer Technology and Chemical Process Engineering. Northeast has multiple sites and total enrollment is 6,775. Northeast has

undertaken a program to increase the number of off-campus teaching sites in a five-county area of Northeast Tennessee so that all residents will be within 30-50 miles of a Northeast State teaching site.

Walters State Community College offers programs of study that lead to Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Arts degrees. There are 70 programs of study ranging from Art Education to Web Developer Specialist and majors that prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges. Other areas of study include Business, Humanities, Mathematics, and Computer Science. Total enrollment at various sites is 5,900. Walters State has recently begun offering certifications and 2-year degrees in Renewable Energy, which teach clean air energy concepts for employees in building, transportation and other workplace environments.

Tennessee Technology Centers, located throughout the region, are recognized as among the best technical training schools in the Southeast. Training is provided for students to gain entry-level employment and continuing education. Employer-driven curriculum is a priority. Total enrollment is approximately 4,000.

Mountain Empire Community College offers programs of study that lead to Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Art degrees. Degrees, certificates and transfer programs to four-year colleges are offered in a wide range of studies such as Manufacturing Distribution, Computer Technology, Welding and many others. Enrollment is approximately 500.

Hiwassee College is the oldest private two-year college in Tennessee. Hiwassee offers two-year programs of study for transfer to four-year colleges in areas such as Finance, Family and Consumer Services, Biology, Sports Medicine, Computer Technology, Criminal Justice, Elementary Education, Pre-Law, and Pre-Medicine. Enrollment is 400.

ITT Technical Institute offers technology-oriented programs. Students can enroll in one of more than 100 ITT technical Institutes in over 30 states. Career-focused degree programs are offered for certifications and 2-year degrees offered by the Schools of Information Technology, Electronics Technology, Drafting and Design, Criminal Justice and other fields of study.

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