

University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Proposed Increases to 2025-26 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 27 - 28, 2025. 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://trustees.tennessee.edu/tuition-and-fee-proposal/>

Proposed Tuition & Mandatory Fees	2024-25	2025-26	Change	
In-State Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene	\$10,432	\$10,745	\$313	3.0%
In-State Bachelor of Science Nursing (traditional)	\$8,847	\$9,023	\$176	2.0%
In-State Bachelor of Science Nursing (accelerated)	\$13,271	\$13,535	\$264	2.0%
In-State Bachelor Medical Technology	\$8,345	\$8,512	\$167	2.0%
Mandatory Fee	\$1,290	\$1,339	\$49	3.8%
***Combined Tuition and Mandatory Fee Increase, Dental Hygiene	\$11,722	\$12,084	\$362	3.1%

*** For evaluation purposes, the Undergraduate program, Dental Hygiene is being used, as it is the undergraduate program with the highest tuition percentage 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 \$167 and \$313 based upon the individual program as outlined in the table above. There are also increases in mandatory fees of \$49, which is comprised of a \$24 increase in the Student Activities Fee and A \$25 increase in the Campus Recreation Fee. These increases are needed to provide revenue to cover growth in the costs of providing learning infrastructure and to maintain the quality and effectiveness of these programs in the future. 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, the first 1% 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 current formula proposal calls for the University to match at a 60/40 distribution annual operating cost increases at the Health Science Center.

The increases in the Student Activities Fee will be directly used to cover the cost of existing and new student activity offerings. The Campus Recreation Fee will be used to maintain, replace and renew recreation and fitness equipment.

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 & charges where possible. In addition to investing directly in additional unrestricted scholarships, the UT Health Science Center plans to leverage this investment to increase fundraising efforts for scholarships to provide more financial aid to students in the future.