

Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Oneida/Huntsville History

The 35,000 square feet Huntsville facility was built in July 1997 at a cost of 3.3 million dollars and was funded by the State of Tennessee. It is located on a 20-acre site that was donated by the Scott County Commission. From 1967 until 1997, all programs were operated at the original site at 180 Eli Lane in Oneida. The Collision Repair Technology and Practical Nursing programs are both housed at the 180 Eli Lane campus in Oneida. A Welding night program and a high school Automotive Technology program are located at the York Agricultural Institute Instructional Service Center in Jamestown. All other programs are housed at the main campus site at Scott High Drive. The Center serves a 3-county area—Scott, Morgan, and Fentress counties.

The Oneida extension site consists of approximately 11,400 square feet. A 2,000 square-foot multi-purpose room was renovated in October 2010 at the extension site. The extension site also leases office space and classroom space to East Tennessee Human Resource Agency.

The Tennessee Technology Centers were originally established as a state-wide system by the enactment of the Tennessee Legislature during the 1963 General Assembly (Senate Bill 520 / House Bill 633, passed on March 15, 1963) as State Area Vocational-Technical Schools. This was approved by the Governor on March 22, 1963. This system operated under the supervision of the Tennessee State Board of Education until June 30, 1983.

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) was established under Chapter 838 of the Public Acts of 1972. The State Area Vocational-Technical School system was brought under the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Board of Regents on July 1, 1983, by Chapter 181 of the Public Acts of 1983 as found in the Tennessee Board of Regents Policy 1:01:00:00 and TBR appendix 6-03-00-00. Chapter 181 of the Public Acts of 1983 transferred the governance of the state technical institutes and area vocational-technical schools (now referred to as technology centers) from the State Board of Education (State Board of Vocational Education) to the State Board of Regents. The transfer became effective on July 1, 1983. In 1994 the legislature changed the names of the area vocational technical schools to state technology centers. In 2013, the legislature approved and changed the names of the technology centers to the Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCAT). There are 27 TCATs in Tennessee governed by the TN Board of Regents. The Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees of The University of Tennessee System are coordinated by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission was created by the General Assembly in 1967 in order to achieve better coordination and unity in the programs of public higher education in Tennessee.

Construction of the Oneida State Area Vocational-Technical School began in July 1966. The building was completed in January 1967. The school year 1967-1968 was the first year of operation. The first students were transported from the local high schools on September 6, 1967.

The original training areas included Office Occupations, Welding, and Electronics. Students received self-paced individualized instruction. As a student completed the program's certificate or diploma requirements, he or she was then classified as a completer, and the student left the program. The Center has historically practiced open entry/open exit enrollment; therefore, students enrolled and graduated at different dates. The Center held its first school-wide graduation ceremony on April 11, 2008.

The Tennessee Technology Centers (TTCs) changed their name to Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology effective July 2013.

Program History

The Automotive Mechanics program began in 1976. The name was changed to Automotive Technology in 1991.

Auto Body Repair Technology program was approved in May 2001. The name was changed to Auto Body Technology in 2004 and then to Collision Repair Technology in 2007.

Building Trades and Air Conditioning/Refrigeration were added in 1976. These programs were closed in 1999. The Oneida campus was closed this same year and remained closed until 2001 when Auto Body Repair Technology began.

Office Occupations was changed to Business Systems Technology in 1992 and then to Administrative Office Technology in January 2014. The Business Systems Technology night program was approved on September 24, 2008 to be taught at the instructional service center at the Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute. Administrative Office Technology (Online) was closed August 2014.

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) was approved in June 2014.

The Computer Operations Technology shop was started in 1999. In 2007, the name was changed from Computer Operations Technology to Computer Information Technology. Computer Information Systems program was added on August 13, 2008 and then closed in December 2012. Computer Information Systems was offered online until August 2011.

The Cosmetology post-secondary program was opened August 21, 2006, and its secondary program began class January 2008. An Instructor Certification program to Cosmetology on December 19, 2008

Drafting and CAD Technology post-secondary program began in January 2001.

Electronics name was changed to Electronics Technology in 2004. The program was placed on temporary inactive status in 2005. Electronics was reopened in 2007. The program was inactivated again in October 2014.

Lineman Training program was approved in March 2012. The name was changed to Power Line Construction and Maintenance Technology in August 2012. Students began enrolling in September 2015.

Health Information Technology program opened on September 3, 2009. The program was inactivated in August 2011.

Industrial Maintenance program approved December 2013. The name was changed to Industrial Maintenance/Mechatronics Technology effective July 2014.

In March 1968, the Machine Shop program began. In 1999, the name was changed from Machine Shop to Machine Tool Technology. The program was placed on inactive status on January 1, 2009 where it remained closed until reactivation on July 28, 2010.

Patient Care Technician program was approved on April 14, 2009, and opened on September 7, 2009 at the instructional service center in Jamestown and May 2010 at the Oneida extension campus. This program was inactivated August 2011.

Pharmacy Technician was approved August 2014 and began enrolling students in January 2015.

The Practical Nursing class began on October 1, 1970.

The Technology Foundations (TF) program is not an occupational program but is an essential part of most post-secondary programs at Tennessee Technology Center Oneida/Huntsville (TTCOH). The program was implemented as Basic Skills in 1985 with a multi-media approach. In October of 1995 the name was changed to Technology Foundations, and the Center incorporated a computer-based curriculum. As of January 2007, the Technology Foundations curriculum updated to an internet based curriculum Thinking Media's KeyTrain. In 2010, KeyTrain updated its curriculum to Career Ready 101 and in 2011 Thinking Media was purchased by ACT.

The Truck Driving program was opened October 15, 2009. The program was closed in August 2011 but reopened in May 2012 due to high numbers of unemployed workers seeking training.

The Welding program is one of the original training areas started at the school in 1967. The program was placed on temporary hold in 2003 and was reopened in 2004 with only secondary students. The program began accepting post-secondary students in July 2005. The night Welding program was opened at the instructional service center at Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute on September 1, 2009 and closed in