

Roane State  
Community College



# Why Choose Roane State?

A college education provides a lifetime of benefits. Studies show that people with a college degree tend to earn more money and are healthier and happier than people without a college degree.

But how do you go to college affordably and get the one-on-one support and encouragement that will help you succeed?

By choosing Roane State.

With Roane State, you can get a quality education without piling up massive student loan debt. Our tuition is about half of four-year schools. Go to Roane State for two years, save money on tuition and then transfer to a four-year college. Or, earn a two-year degree or one-year certificate and enter the workforce. Either way, Roane State is the smart, affordable path to a college education.

With Roane State, you can choose career programs that lead to jobs. Our job placement rate has been over 95 percent for years.

With Roane State, you will have options to take classes when, where and how you want. With nine campuses, Roane State has a location close to your home or work. Because Roane State has plenty of evening classes and online classes, you will have choices that fit your schedule.

With Roane State, you will have faculty who know you personally and care about you. Having 200 students in a class is just not our style. Roane State classes are small, which means students receive one-on-one attention.

Those are practical reasons why you should choose Roane State. Let's talk about the fun reasons: study abroad trips (France, Peru, Costa Rica, Italy and others), art shows, intramurals, musical performances, theatre, skiing trips, state-of-the-art technology, sports, plenty of spots to chat with friends, and more.

Roane State may be close to home, but it feels different. It feels like a big college—exciting, interesting, memorable.

Learn more about why Roane State is right for you.

**support** **flexible**  
**quality**  
**value** **Affordable**  
**opportunity**  
**personal**

## The benefits of a college education

An associate degree leads to a median income of \$38,607, more than \$9,000 higher than a high school diploma.

Source: The Economic Benefit of Postsecondary Degrees: A State and National Analysis, association of State Higher Education Executive Officers, 2012

[www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu)



## RaiderNet

New students receive a login to what's called RaiderNet. This is the portal students use to conduct business at Roane State. Students check grades, pay fees, check email, register for classes and more in RaiderNet. RaiderNet also includes an alerts box to show students any issues they need to address, such as a missing financial aid form. Check your alerts in RaiderNet frequently.



## What is an "R" number?

You will get this question a lot when you talk to Roane State representatives. "What is your R number?" Your R number is your Roane State ID number. It's how the college tells apart two people named John Smith. It's unique to you, like a Social Security number. Know your R number. You'll need it often. To find it, look right under your name in RaiderNet.

# Getting Started.



When you have questions about admissions, records and financial aid, you can find answers all in one place. Roane State's OneStop service keeps you from wandering from office to office to find information you need. Look for the OneStop logo when you visit a Roane State campus.

### 1. Complete RSCC application online.

Go to [www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu). Click on "Apply Now!" When you reach the Admissions Login page, create an account to get started.

### 2. Pay a \$20 non-refundable application fee.

Pay online when you apply, by phone at (865) 882-4515, or send a check or money order to the Admissions and Records Office.

### 3. Have your high school transcript or GED scores sent to Roane State.

Request that your high school or GED program send scores directly to the Admissions and Records Office.

### 4. Have transcripts from all colleges attended sent to Roane State.

Request that the colleges send transcripts directly to the Admissions and Records Office.

### 5. If you are under age 21, send official ACT scores to Admissions and Records.

Please note: If you are under age 21 and your ACT scores from high school are three or more years old, you must take the ACT Residual or the ACT National exam in order to attend. ACT Residual test scores may NOT be used to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship (lottery). ACT Residual scores may be used to qualify for dual enrollment grants for those interested in Roane State's dual studies program.

### 6. If you are age 21 or older, take the COMPASS test if necessary.

If you are 21 or older and in a degree program, you must take the COMPASS exam unless you have already passed college-level English and math. Visit [www.roanestate.edu/testingcenter](http://www.roanestate.edu/testingcenter) or contact the Testing Center at (865) 882-4661 to schedule your test.

### 7. Complete and submit a Hepatitis B health history form if necessary.

If you are 18 or over and submitted your admissions application online, you do not need to submit the form. For students under 18, the form must be signed by a parent/guardian and mailed to the Admissions and Records Office.

### 8. Submit required shot records.

Students must show proof of two doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine and proof of two doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine before full-time registration (taking 12 or more semester hours). Check the Roane State website for waivers and exemptions for each vaccine. Submit shot records to the Admissions and Records Office.

### 9. Submit proof of citizenship or lawful presence in the U.S.

Applicants are required to provide proof of U.S. citizenship or proof that they are lawfully present in the United States. Visit [www.roanestate.edu/admissions](http://www.roanestate.edu/admissions) for details.

### 10. Schedule and attend a new student orientation session.

Go to [www.roanestate.edu/nso](http://www.roanestate.edu/nso) for the schedule of new student orientations.

### 11. Register for classes.

New students will receive information on how to register for classes. Follow these instructions closely, and do not wait to register. Classes can fill up quickly.

### 12. Pay fees on time.

Each semester, Roane State announces deadlines to pay fees. Miss the deadline, and you could have your class schedule deleted. Students can pay fees through RaiderNet; by phone using major credit or debit cards; by personal check, money order or major credit or debit cards at any Roane State campus; or by mailing payments to the Business Office, 276 Patton Lane, Harriman, TN 37748-5011. Please do not mail cash and please include your student ID number. For details, visit [www.roanestate.edu/tuition](http://www.roanestate.edu/tuition) or contact the Business Office at (865) 882-4515.

### Helpful contacts

Student Enrollment and Recruitment  
(865) 882-4554 Roane County  
(865) 481-2000 ext. 2362 Oak Ridge  
[studentenrollment@roanestate.edu](mailto:studentenrollment@roanestate.edu)  
[www.roanestate.edu/studentenrollment](http://www.roanestate.edu/studentenrollment)

Admissions and Records Office  
Roane State Community College  
276 Patton Lane  
Harriman, TN 37748  
(865) 882-4526  
[admissionsrecords@roanestate.edu](mailto:admissionsrecords@roanestate.edu)  
[www.roanestate.edu/admissions](http://www.roanestate.edu/admissions)

## Our FAFSA school code

When you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you will need Roane State's school code. The code is 009914.



# Paying for College.

Roane State's Financial Aid Office helps students receive millions of dollars in assistance, and scholarships are available through the Roane State Foundation and other sources.

To get the most possible assistance with your tuition, it is critical that you start your financial aid process early and stay organized. These tips will help you.

**Fill out the FAFSA early:** Everything in the financial aid process starts with what's called the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Filling it out late, or incorrectly, will cause serious delays in your financial aid. Get it done, and get it right. January 1 is the first date the FAFSA is available for the next academic year. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**Do your taxes early:** To complete the FAFSA, you will need your income tax returns and perhaps tax returns from spouses or parents. If you fill out the FAFSA before you do your taxes, remember to update the FAFSA after you file your tax return. Choose the IRS Data Retrieval tool in the FAFSA and transfer your completed tax information from the IRS.

**Request a tax return transcript:** Sometimes, students are selected for what's called verification (a spot check that information they submitted for financial aid is correct). If you are selected, then you'll need an official IRS Tax Return Transcript. Call 1 (800) 908-9946 or visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to order your transcript.

**Check your RaiderNet account:** Click on Your Financial Aid to check on the status of your aid. Alerts in RaiderNet will warn you if you have financial aid issues you need to address. Check your alerts often.

**Watch out for deadlines:** Visit [www.roanestate.edu/financialaid](http://www.roanestate.edu/financialaid), check your email and monitor the Roane State website for updates on deadlines.

**Consider work-study options:** Roane State offers opportunities for students to work on campus while they go to school. Visit [www.roanestate.edu/financialaid](http://www.roanestate.edu/financialaid) for details.

**Understand benefits for veterans:** Military veterans are eligible for special benefits. Visit [www.roanestate.edu/veterans](http://www.roanestate.edu/veterans) for details.

**Apply for scholarships:** Dozens of scholarships are available through the Roane State Foundation and other sources. Take advantage of these opportunities because every bit of financial aid helps. Go to [www.roanestate.edu/scholarships](http://www.roanestate.edu/scholarships) to see what is available.

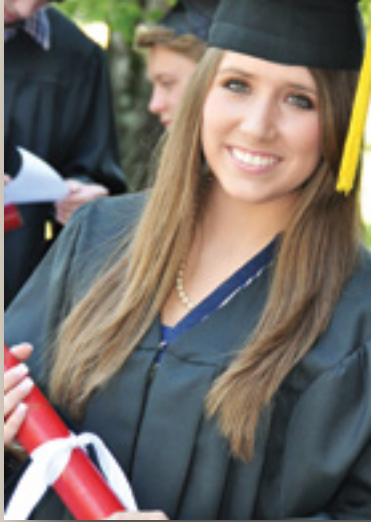
### Helpful contacts

#### Financial Aid

What they do: Help students with questions about filing for financial aid, HOPE scholarships (lottery), work-study opportunities, etc.  
(865) 882-4545 Roane County  
[financialaid@roanestate.edu](mailto:financialaid@roanestate.edu)  
[www.roanestate.edu/financialaid](http://www.roanestate.edu/financialaid)  
[www.roanestate.edu/scholarships](http://www.roanestate.edu/scholarships)

#### Veterans Services

What they do: Assist military veterans with education benefits  
(865) 882-4539  
[www.roanestate.edu/veterans](http://www.roanestate.edu/veterans)



“Roane State has helped place me exactly where I want to be. With the Tennessee Transfer Pathway, my transfer process into UT was a smooth transition. I’m transferring in as a junior, and since I attended Roane State for my first two years, I’ve saved thousands in tuition. Not only did I earn an associate degree, but my experience at Roane State has left me more than prepared for life at a four-year university. If I was ever presented with an opportunity to start over, I would still choose Roane State as my first choice.”

Corey Reed of Kingston  
Transfer student, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

# Choosing Your Path.

Picking the program that’s right for you is a big decision.

Roane State has two types of credentials meant for students who want to go to work right after they graduate: one-year certificates and two-year Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) programs.

Roane State also has programs for students who want to take two years of classes and then go on to a four-year school to get a bachelor’s degree. They are associate of art (A.A.), associate of science (A.S.), associate of science in teaching (A.S.T.) or associate of fine arts (A.F.A.) programs.

## How do you know which program is right for you?

Talk to us. Our Advising Resource Center can help you sort through all the options to pick the program that matches your interests. It is well worth your time to develop your full academic plan before you take your first class. After you start classes, meet regularly with your faculty advisor to make sure you stay on track.

Helpful contact  
Advising Resource Center  
(865) 882-4597  
advising@roanestate.edu  
www.roanestate.edu/advising



## Career Pathways

**Why Roane State is the right choice:** Graduates from Roane State’s career pathways are well-prepared for jobs. The college’s job placement rate is typically over 95 percent.

### Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Allied Health Sciences  
Business Management Technology  
• Accounting  
• Business Administration  
• Business Management  
• Computer Science  
Contemporary Management  
Criminal Justice  
Dental Hygiene Technology  
Early Childhood Education  
Environmental Health Technology

General Technology  
Geographic Information Systems  
Health Information Technology  
Nursing  
Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Opticianry  
Paralegal Studies  
Physical Therapist Assistant  
Radiologic Technology  
Respiratory Therapy

### Technical Certificates

Composite Materials  
Computer Science  
Diagnosis and Procedural Coding  
EMT/Paramedic  
Early Childhood Education  
Geographic Information Systems

Massage Therapy  
Mechatronics  
Medical Transcription  
Pharmacy Technician  
Polysomnography



## Transfer Pathways

**Why Roane State is the right choice:** Roane State’s tuition is affordable, which helps students stay out of debt, and Roane State’s small class sizes, outstanding faculty and one-on-one attention give students excellent preparation for four-year schools.



### Tennessee Transfer Pathways

Making sure courses transfer is a major concern for community college students. Tennessee Transfer Pathways are your transfer guarantee. Students who successfully complete a Tennessee Transfer Pathway are guaranteed that all courses will count toward their major at a Tennessee public university.\*

### Associate of Science (A.S.)

Accounting  
Biology  
Business Administration  
Chemistry  
Civil Engineering  
Computer Science  
Criminal Justice  
Economics-Business  
Economics-Middle Tennessee State University  
Economics-University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
Exercise Science  
History  
Information Systems

Kinesiology  
Mass Communications  
Mathematics  
Mechanical Engineering  
Physics  
Political Science  
Pre-Health Professions  
Pre-Occupational Therapy  
Pre-Physical Therapy  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Theatre Arts

### Associate of Arts (A.A.)

Art (Studio)  
Criminal Justice  
Economics-East Tennessee State University  
Economics-University of Memphis  
Economics-University of Tennessee  
English  
Foreign Language

History  
Mass Communications  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Theatre Arts

Roane State also has articulation agreements with many universities designed to make students’ transition to the university of their choice as seamless as possible.

Additional transfer concentrations (not yet offered as Tennessee Transfer Pathways) include: Agriculture, Computer Art and Design, Early Childhood Education, Forestry, Physical Science, Pre-Engineering, Pre-Law, Pre-Nursing, Secondary Education, Social Work, Special Education, Wildlife and Fisheries

## Additional Degree Options

### Associate of Science in Teaching (A.S.T.)

### Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.) with area of emphasis in music

\*The Tennessee Transfer Pathways’ prescribed curriculum must be followed exactly to ensure all credit hours transfer. Particular universities or programs may have additional requirements that apply. Admission into a university does not guarantee admission into a particular college or academic program.



Above, top row, left to right: Roane, Campbell, Scott campuses. Middle row, left to right: Oak Ridge, Morgan, Loudon campuses. Bottom row, left to right: Cumberland, Fentress and Knox campuses.

## Earn a bachelor's degree at Roane State with 2+2 programs

Roane State has arrangements with Tennessee Tech and Bethel University to offer their courses on Roane State campuses in certain majors. After two years at Roane State, a student in a 2+2 program can transfer to Tennessee Tech or Bethel but continue taking classes at a Roane State location.

2+2 education programs are available in: Early Childhood Education, K-3 (Tennessee Tech); Elementary Education, K-6 (Tennessee Tech); and Secondary Education (Bethel University).

Tennessee Tech also offers a 2+2 program in Interdisciplinary Studies, a customizable major that includes courses in management, business and psychology.



## Close to Home.

With nine campuses, Roane State is never far from your home. Our presence in our communities is part of what makes Roane State special. Each campus has its own vibe, which helps students feel comfortable with college. Roane State also offers online courses and evening classes, which give busy students convenient access to the classes they need.

### Finish Faster at Roane State

Roane State's Finish Faster options, such as accelerated classes, help students complete their associate degrees and certificates on time or sooner. By staying on track, students are much more likely to finish college, start their careers and reach their goals. To learn how Roane State can help you Finish Faster, visit [www.roanestate.edu/finishfaster](http://www.roanestate.edu/finishfaster).

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## Student Services.

**Testing Center.** Contact the Testing Center for any tests you need to take for admission to Roane State (the ACT National, ACT Residual or COMPASS exam).

(865) 882-4661 Roane County  
(865) 481-2000 ext. 2251 Oak Ridge  
testingcentermain@roanestate.edu  
www.roanestate.edu/testingcenter

**Counseling, Career and Disability Services.** Counseling and Career Services was established to aid students in successfully completing their college work and establishing good foundations for future growth. Services include short-term personal counseling for students, career exploration assessments and assistance with the career decision-making process, test anxiety resources and assistance, and referrals to campus and community resources.

Disability Services is responsible for coordinating reasonable accommodations for students in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (as amended in 2008). Any student who has a disability and would like to request services must contact Counseling, Career and Disability Services to self-identify and provide appropriate documentation from a qualified professional before classes begin as accommodations are not retroactive. Please see the Disability Services Handbook including Policies and Procedures on the Disability Services website.

(865) 882-4546 Roane County  
(865) 481-2003 Oak Ridge  
www.roanestate.edu/counseling  
www.roanestate.edu/careerservices  
www.roanestate.edu/disabilityservices

## Learning Support.

Many Roane State students start in what are called Learning Support classes. The classes do not count toward degrees but are designed to strengthen students' skills in math, writing or reading so that students are ready for college-level work.

Beginning your college journey in Learning Support courses is perfectly normal. Here are four tips for successfully completing Learning Support.

1. Come to class. Attendance is your key to success.
2. Work ahead early and do not get behind.
3. Get your Learning Support done early so you can move on to your college classes. Do not delay.
4. Take advantage of tutors in the Learning Center.

Learn more at [www.roanestate.edu/learningsupport](http://www.roanestate.edu/learningsupport).

### Get help at the Learning Center

Tutoring help from Roane State's Learning Center is a great benefit for students, whether they are starting out in Learning Support or finishing up their last research paper. Tutors are available in a variety of subjects, and there is no cost. Learn more at [www.roanestate.edu/learningcenter](http://www.roanestate.edu/learningcenter).

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# Having Fun.

Roane State is a fun place. The college has four sports (men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball and softball), and students can participate in intramurals. The Roane State Playmakers offer a variety of theatre productions, and musical opportunities are available in Concert Choir, Jazz Band, Stage Band, Bluegrass Band or Celebration Singers.

Each campus has an activities board that plans fun events, and campuses include areas to play games, have a snack, watch television or just chat with friends.

Roane State even sends students abroad. Through Roane State's international education program, students have visited Italy, Ecuador, France, England and other countries. Scholarships are available for study abroad opportunities.

## Did You Know?

A high school graduate can expect to earn \$1.3 million over a lifetime. A person with an associate degree earns \$1.7 million over a lifetime, 30 percent more than those with high school diplomas. If you earn your bachelor's degree, then you can expect to earn \$2.3 million over a lifetime.

Source: The College Payoff by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.





# Tips and Advice.

Applying to college, getting financial aid and registering for classes can feel overwhelming, but these tips will help you manage the process of becoming a college student.

1. **Keep a copy of everything:** After you fill out a form, make a copy and keep it.
2. **Get the name of the person you talk to:** When you talk to a college representative about a question or problem, politely ask for the person's name and jot it down in a notebook. Write down the date and a short summary of the information you were told. Keeping this record will help you stay organized and help college representatives better serve you.
3. **Start early and proactively follow up:** If you develop the habit of getting paperwork turned in well before deadlines, then you will minimize the potential for problems.
4. **Ask questions:** It's perfectly OK if you do not understand something. Please ask questions.
5. **Check your email:** Check your @roanestate.edu email and your personal email for messages from Roane State.
6. **Check your RaiderNet alerts:** The alerts box in RaiderNet will show you items you need to address. Check your alerts frequently.
7. **Make a plan:** Think through what you want to do and the classes you need to take to get there. Talk to Roane State advisors and develop your personal roadmap.



## Did You Know?



Financial aid, admissions and records are all part of Roane State's OneStop service. Visit a OneStop location on any campus to get quick and accurate answers to questions about financial aid, the admissions process and records required for enrollment.



## Download the Roane State app

Roane State's mobile app gives you college information at your fingertips 24/7. The app is available for the iPhone, Android and BlackBerry devices. Download it today.

[www.roanestate.edu](http://www.roanestate.edu)

# Again, Why Choose Roane State?

We have talked about many reasons why Roane State is a good choice for you. We are affordable and close to home. We offer plenty of support for students.

But, let's talk about a few more reasons.

Our faculty love to teach, and you will be taught by a faculty member, not a graduate student. Many of our faculty have doctorates. Most Roane State professors worked in the field they teach so they understand the real-world applications of what you will study in the classroom. Roane State professors are kind, encouraging, funny and sincerely devoted to your success. You will stay in touch with some of your professors years after you leave Roane State.

Our library staff will leap over the reference desk to connect you to great information for your research projects. Roane State's tutors will work with you until you master a difficult subject.

And, on our small, local campuses, you are connected to higher education across the entire state. We talk all the time with our colleagues at Tennessee Tech, the University of Tennessee, East Tennessee State, Middle Tennessee State and many others. We are all connected, and that connection provides big-time opportunities for you.

We look forward to welcoming you to Roane State.

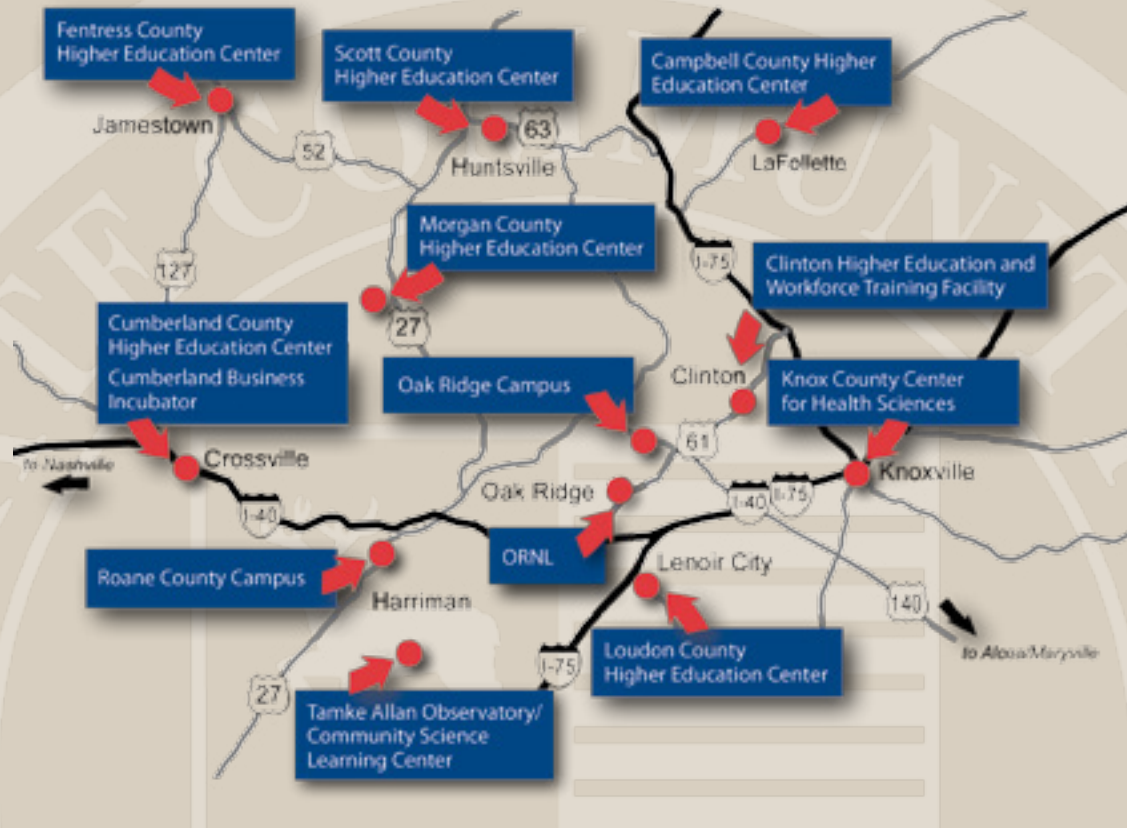
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(865) 481-2000 ext. 2362 Oak Ridge  
studentenrollment@roanestate.edu  
www.roanestate.edu/studentenrollment



## Earn college credit in high school

High school students can earn college credit and high school credit at the same time through dual studies classes and even receive funds to help with the costs. For more information about dual studies at Roane State, visit [www.roanestate.edu/dualstudies](http://www.roanestate.edu/dualstudies) or call (865) 882-4504.





**Roane County Campus**  
 (865) 882-4554  
 (866) 462-7722 ext. 4554

**Oak Ridge Campus**  
 (865) 481-2000  
 (866) 462-7722

**Campbell County Higher Education Center**  
 (423) 562-7021  
 (866) 462-7722 ext. 4534

**Cumberland County Higher Education Center**  
 (931) 456-9880  
 (866) 462-7722 ext. 4532

**Fentress County Higher Education Center**  
 (931) 752-8320  
 (866) 462-7722 ext. 4625

**Knox County Center for Health Sciences**  
 (865) 539-6904  
 (866) 462-7722 ext. 2323

**Loudon County Higher Education Center**  
 (865) 986-1525  
 (866) 462-7722 ext. 4670

**Morgan County Higher Education Center**  
 (423) 346-8700  
 (866) 462-7722 ext. 4664

**Scott County Higher Education Center**  
 (423) 663-3878  
 (866) 462-7722 ext. 4694



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