EARN YOUR DEGREE
tuition-free

COLUMBIA STATE
Reconnect

Whether you're starting college for the first time or returning to finish your degree, there's never been a better time to reconnect.

What is Tennessee Reconnect?

Tennessee Reconnect is a last-dollar scholarship that provides free tuition for adults to attend a community college. The initiative is designed to help adults enter college to gain new skills, advance in the workplace, and fulfill lifelong dreams of completing a degree or credential.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Haven't earned an associate or bachelor's degree.

- Have been a Tennessee resident for at least one year.

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be determined as an independent student.

- Be admitted to Columbia State and enroll in a degree or certificate program.

- Must attend at least part-time (6 credit hours).

- Participate in a college success program through a Reconnect Community.

- Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Get Started Now

APPLY FOR TENNESSEE RECONNECT:

1. **Apply to the Tennessee Reconnect program.**
2. **Complete the Reconnect Success Program survey.**

Visit **www.TNReconnect.gov** to learn more.

APPLY TO COLUMBIA STATE:

1. **Apply to Columbia State**
   Complete the online application at **www.ColumbiaState.edu/Reconnect**.

   You will receive a letter and email with instructions on how to access your ChargerNet student account.

2. **Create your FSA ID**
   Get started by creating an FSA ID and password. You will need this ID in order to complete your FAFSA. Create your FSA ID online at **www.fsaid.ed.gov**.

3. **File your FAFSA**
   Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1 each year. Submit the FAFSA at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**.

   Columbia State's Federal School Code: 003483

4. **Submit official transcripts and test scores to Admissions**
   ACT code: 3953 • SAT code: 1081

5. **Follow up with Admissions**
   Provide immunization and residency information as needed.

6. **Follow up with Financial Aid**
   View your financial aid requirements listed in your ChargerNet student account. Visit **myCN.ColumbiaState.edu**.

7. **Attend Right Start Orientation and register for classes.**
   You will receive an email invitation to register for Right Start Orientation.

Transfer Degrees

Associate Degrees

For students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to complete a bachelor's degree.

- Accounting*
- Agriculture:*
    - Agricultural Business
    - Animal Science
    - Plant & Soil Science
- Anthropology*
- Art (Studio)*
- Biology*
- Business Administration*
- Chemistry*
- Civil Engineering*
- Commercial Entertainment**
- Computer Science*
- Criminal Justice*
- Early Childhood Education (Pre K-3)*
- Economics*
- English*
- Exercise Science*
- Finance*
- Foreign Language*
- Geography*
- Graphic Design**
- History*
- Humanities**
- Imaging Sciences*
- Information Systems*
- International Affairs*
- Kinesiology*
- Management*
- Marketing*
- Mass Communication*
- Mathematics*
- Mechanical Engineering*
- Music*
- Nutrition & Food Science*
- Philosophy*
- Physical Education*
- Physics*
- Political Science*
- Pre-Allied Health Sciences**
- Pre-Clinical Laboratory Science*
- Pre-Dental Hygiene*
- Pre-Health Professions:*
    - Pre-Dentistry
    - Medicine
    - Optometry
    - Pharmacy
    - Veterinary Medicine
- Pre-Occupational Therapy*
- Pre-Physical Therapy*
- Psychology*
- Public Relations**
- Secondary Education✤
- Social Work*
- Sociology*
- Special Education*
- Speech Communication*
- Sport & Leisure Management*
- Teaching (K-5)**
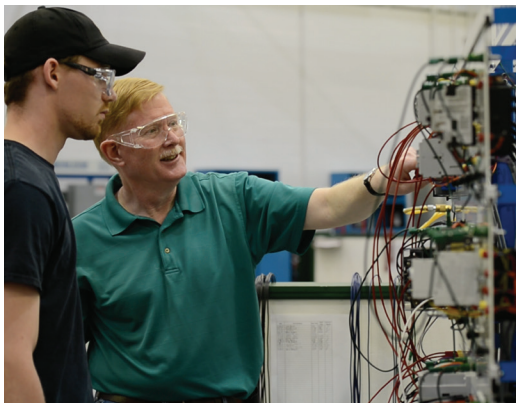- Theatre Arts*
- University Parallel, No Emphasis**◆

*   *Tennessee Transfer Pathway majors. For more information visit www.ColumbiaState.edu/TTP*

**   *University Parallel majors.*

◆   *Students wishing to pursue a program of study not listed should select University Parallel, No Emphasis and work with their advisor to develop an academic plan for majors not listed.*

✤   *Students planning to pursue a degree in secondary education should major in University Parallel with an emphasis in the subject they plan to teach. Electives could include EDU 201 and EDUC 2210.*

Career/Technical Degrees

Associate of Applied Science Degrees

For students who plan to enter the workforce or wish to advance in their career upon completion.

- Anesthesia Technology❋
- Business:
    Administrative Professional Technology
    Management
    Medical Office Administration
- Computer Information Technology:
    Cyber Defense
    Mobile Technologies
    Networking
    Programming
- Criminal Justice Technology
- Engineering Systems Technology
- General Technology
- Medical Informatics
- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Nursing
- Radiologic Technology
- Respiratory Care
- Veterinary Technology

❋ *Pending approval by SACSCOC.*

Technical Certificates

For students who seek certification in their current or intended profession but do not wish to seek a degree at this time.

- Business
- Commercial Entertainment:
    Performance
    Songwriting
- Computed Tomography
- Computer Networking
- Emergency Medical Services:
    Emergency Medical Technician (Basic)
- Emergency Medical Services: *(Continued)*
    Advanced Emergency
    Medical Technician (AEMT)
    Paramedic
- Engineering Systems Technology
- Film Crew Technology
- Hospitality & Tourism Management
- Web Design & Mobile Technologies

WHY CHOOSE COLUMBIA STATE?

Customized Academic Plans
As an adult, you'll come to Columbia State with a variety of skills and prior college coursework. Our advisors will work with you one-on-one to develop a customized academic plan. We'll help you find the quickest path toward earning your degree.

Flexible Scheduling
As an adult learner, we understand you'll be juggling family, work and other responsibilities. That's why we offer classes to fit your busy schedule, including day, evening, weekend and online courses.

Prior Learning Assessment
If you have experience in subjects offered by Columbia State, you may be able to gain credit for what you've already learned.

Credit for PLA may include learning acquired from work and life experiences; civic, community, or volunteer work; individual study; and in-service training sponsored by associations, business, government, and industry, including the military.

Veterans
As a designated VETS Campus, Columbia State is here to provide the support and resources you need to earn a degree. Learn more at **www.ColumbiaState.edu/Veterans**

Resources
These are just a few of the resources available to help you be successful in college.

- FREE Tutoring with day and evening hours
- Dedicated Completion Specialists
- Library
- Computer labs
- Campus study spaces

Contact Us
Center for Adult Learners and Reconnect
931.540.2655 • **Reconnect@ColumbiaState.edu**
www.ColumbiaState.edu/Reconnect

Fast Track Programs

We know you have a busy schedule and going back to college isn't easy. That's why Columbia State offers Fast Track Programs for adults with day, evening, weekend and online classes.

Programs include:
- Business
- Business: Management or Medical Office Administration
- Computer Networking
- Criminal Justice
- Engineering Systems Technology
- Medical Informatics
- Social Work
- Web Design and Mobile Technologies

Campus Tours

One of the best ways to know Columbia State is the right college choice for you is to come see us! Visit **www.ColumbiaState.edu/CampusTour** to schedule your campus tour. We look forward to seeing you!

COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Reconnect at one of our five convenient locations:

Columbia Campus
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Columbia@ColumbiaState.edu

Lewisburg Campus
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Lewisburg@ColumbiaState.edu

Clifton Campus
931.676.6966
Clifton@ColumbiaState.edu

Williamson Campus
615.790.4400
WilliamsonCampus@ColumbiaState.edu

Lawrence Campus
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Lawrenceburg@ColumbiaState.edu

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