



Volunteer State  
Community College

Welcome





“Welcome”

# to Volunteer State Community College

quite often  
known simply as



Vol State is home to  
thousands of learners,  
which include our  
**STUDENTS,  
FACULTY &  
STAFF.**

We are glad you are considering  
*joining us!*

# Your First Steps



## TOUR

*Come and take a look around.* The Office of Admissions offers campus tours for you and your family. Taking a walk around our campuses is a great way to get to know the college a little better. After the tour, you can sit down for a chat with your admissions advisor. They can answer any questions that you might have. To schedule your tour visit [volstate.edu/tour](http://volstate.edu/tour) or call 615-230-3688.



## APPLY

*Getting started is easy.* All new students need to submit an application for admission. You can apply online at [www.volstate.edu/apply](http://www.volstate.edu/apply). If you'd like help with your application, feel free to swing by any of our campus offices, and we'll walk you through the process. You can also learn about the admissions process by visiting [www.volstate.edu/admissions](http://www.volstate.edu/admissions).



## FUND

*Many of our students need help paying for college.* The place to start is our Office of Financial Aid. You'll need to fill out a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form to get started. We use it for all financial aid. The FAFSA puts you in the system for federal financial aid, state aid and scholarships. To get started visit the web site [www.volstate.edu/financialaid](http://www.volstate.edu/financialaid). You can also visit any of our campuses to get help with financial aid.

### ADMISSIONS

Location: Gallatin Campus –  
Ramer Building, Room 120  
Phone: 615-230-3688  
Fax: 615-230-4875  
Email: [admissions@volstate.edu](mailto:admissions@volstate.edu)  
[www.volstate.edu/admissions](http://www.volstate.edu/admissions)

### FINANCIAL AID

Location: Gallatin Campus –  
Ramer Building, Room 129  
Phone: 615-230-3456  
Fax: 615-230-3487  
Email: [financial.aid@volstate.edu](mailto:financial.aid@volstate.edu)  
[www.volstate.edu/financialaid](http://www.volstate.edu/financialaid)







# Our College

Founded in 1971 as a public two-year community college, Vol State offers associate degrees and certificates in more than 100 areas of study. We've grown, both in terms of academic offerings and student enrollment. The main campus is located in Gallatin, which is 30 miles northeast of Nashville.

We have three other degree-granting centers across Middle Tennessee: Vol State at Springfield, Vol State at Cookeville, and Vol State at Livingston.



*Vol State opened for classes in October of 1971. At first, classes were held in an old hotel in Gallatin and wherever else they could find space, throughout Sumner County. The Gallatin campus opened in the winter of 1972. Vol State recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the college.*



# Students

*The college has a diverse mix of students ranging in age from teens to senior adults. We do our best to make everyone feel welcome.*



**8,800+**

Average  
fall semester  
enrollment



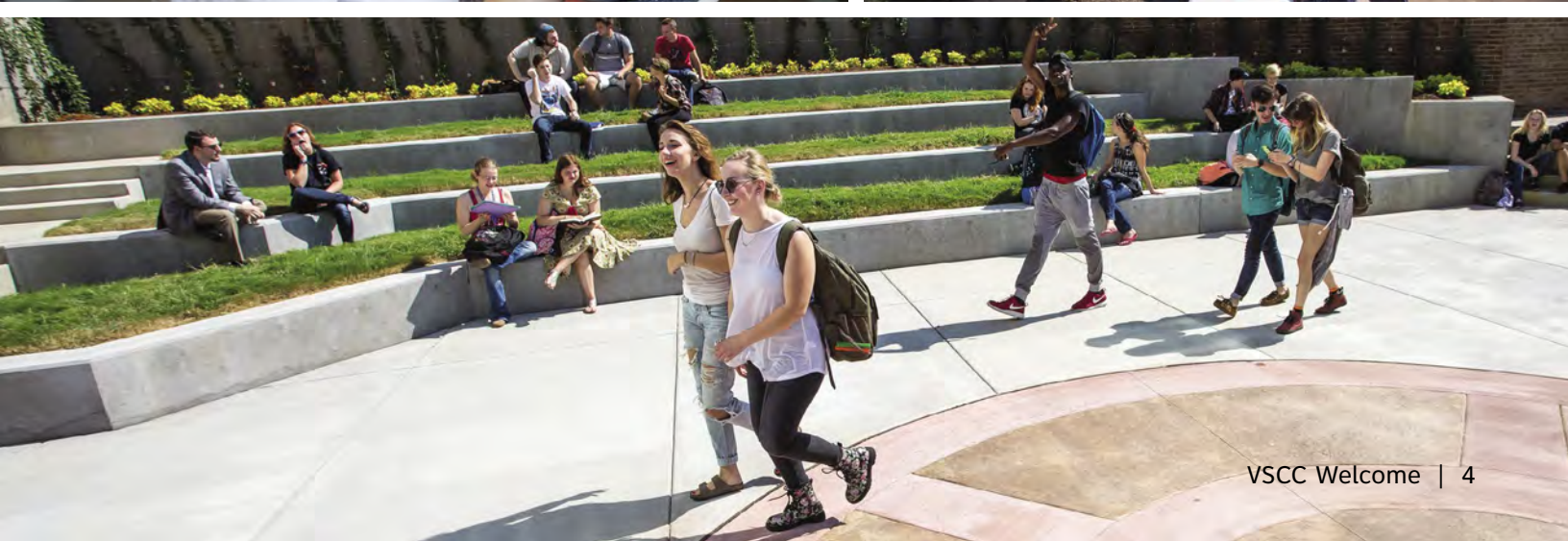
**22**

Average  
student age



**300+**

Student  
veterans





# Dedicated Faculty

*Teaching is the primary mission for the faculty at Vol State. Excellence in the classroom is sustained through frequent curriculum reviews.*



180

Full-time  
faculty  
members



19%

Have  
doctorate  
level degrees



67%

Have  
master's  
level degrees



1<sup>to</sup> 23

Faculty to  
student  
ratio



# Paying for College

We know how important financial aid can be for college students. More than 7,300 Vol State students received financial aid in 2019-2020 for a total of more than \$31 million.

**Tennessee Promise:** Vol State tuition-free for graduating high school seniors.

**Tennessee Reconnect:** Vol State tuition-free for adults who don't already have a college degree.

**Returning for a Career Change:** We have many students who are seeking a new degree for a career change. They can apply for financial aid.

# Who Can Attend?

The community college system strives to serve everyone. The only prerequisite for entry into most degree programs is a regular high school diploma, GED, or equivalency, and a placement test for degree seeking students. A few programs, especially in Health Sciences, have additional, often competitive, requirements.



## Be a Pioneer

Vol State is home to the Pioneers. It's more than just a name and a mascot. Vol State students, faculty, and staff push themselves to explore academically and socially each and every semester.



Stay on track.  
Take the courses you need.  
Save money.  
Graduate earlier.



## Academic Advising

Meet regularly with your assigned academic advisor, whose name is listed at the top of your Degree Works sheet. Your advisor will help guide you all the way through college to your graduation. If you are having trouble reaching your assigned advisor or need additional advising assistance, please call the Office of Advising at 615-230-3702, [advising@volstate.edu](mailto:advising@volstate.edu) or visit the Ramer Building, Room 141. For advising questions at the Livingston, Cookeville and Springfield campuses, please see the front desk personnel at those

specific locations. The Office of Advising can also help if you are unsure about your career path and/or are thinking about changing majors.

Use Degree Works on My Vol State to see what classes you will need for your degree. Every student can access this free tool by clicking on the Academics tab on My Vol State and selecting "DegreeWorks" within the Quick Links box. Take charge of your college career!



# Students

Many people attend Vol State to complete their first degree using TN Reconnect. Others seek a promotion or a career change. We recognize that starting or returning to college as an adult learner student is a huge step, and we are here to support your success. Vol State offers various programs and resources to help adult students earn their degree or technical certificate. PLA credit (Prior Learning Assessment) is an evaluation of learning and knowledge students acquire while living their lives. Qualifying PLA credit can equal college credit toward your degree. Vol State also offers Academic Fresh Start. Academic Fresh Start is a plan of academic forgiveness which allows qualifying former Vol State students with previous academic difficulty to improve their Vol State GPA. A fresh start helps you reach your goals.

Concerned about fitting in on campus or mastering online college classes? The Pioneer Connections Peer Mentor program connects adult learner/non-traditional students, adding support and resources to help overall success. Nearly one-third of our students are adult/non-traditional learners. We know you will find connections and enjoy the Vol State learning environment.

# Veterans

You have earned your military benefits. Now, put them to work for you. Vol State staff can help you each step of the way. The goal is to make the transition from the military to college smoother. Vol State serves hundreds of student veterans each year. Students can connect with fellow veterans by participating in the Student Veterans of America chapter on campus and work on veteran related events and activities.

# Support

The Office of Adult Learners & Veterans Affairs in Gallatin can assist people via phone or virtually until 6 p.m. Monday – Thursday. You can call with questions or email to learn how to schedule an appointment. The Office of Adult Learners & Veterans Affairs (ALVA) is located in the Ramer Admin Bldg., Room 125. We can be reached at: 615-230-3447 or [alva@volstate.edu](mailto:alva@volstate.edu).





# From the classroom to the World

Your Vol State education can truly take you places. Select Vol State classes travel to countries such as Costa Rica, Ireland, and South Africa each year. The **International Education Program** at Vol State has a scholarship that covers much of the cost. There are also International Education programs on Vol State campuses. Events and speakers bring new perspectives on world affairs. Our student body is also international in make-up. More than 20 birth countries are represented among graduates in the average year. [volstate.edu/international](http://volstate.edu/international)

## Your Toolbox for Academic Support

The Learning Commons is your one stop shop for academic support. There is a Learning Commons location on each Vol State campus. We all need help in one area or another. Give your grades a boost!

The Learning Commons has:

- Assistance with papers, other written assignments, and speeches.
- Math tutoring for many classes, including math-based science classes
- Peer tutoring in many subjects
- Test preparation
- Skill assessment and development
- Help with online classes and eLearn use
- Help using [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com)

Visit to discuss your needs and how we can help. It's all free and available to all students, even to those who have been accepted but don't plan to attend until the next semester.

For a complete list of services visit [www.volstate.edu/LearningCommons](http://www.volstate.edu/LearningCommons)

**The Access Center** can help students with disabilities, including those who have physical, cognitive, learning, psychological and chronic health issues.

**TRIO Student Support Services** provides free academic and group support for Vol State students who fall into one of three categories: Low-Income: Family income meets federal guidelines; First Generation: Neither parent has a four-year college degree; or Disability: Registered with the Office of Disability Services.

All students have access to **Tutor.com**, an online tutoring support 24 hours a day and seven days a week. We've wrapped up the services into one idea: the College Success Zone. It's your toolbox to find the help you need to succeed. [volstate.edu/CollegeSuccess](http://volstate.edu/CollegeSuccess)



# Places to Relax, Study and Workout



The **Vol State Café** serves breakfast and lunch.



A **dining area** offers TVs and many computer terminals for use.



The **Fitness Center** has treadmills, ellipticals, upright bikes, recumbent bikes, weight machines, free weights, and TVs to watch while you work-out. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.



A **450-seat auditorium** is outfitted with lighting and sound support for concerts and theater performances.



A **Performing Arts Studio** is specially designed for smaller productions.



The **Vol State Thigpen Library** features computers, research materials, textbooks, and study areas.



The **Vol State Bookstore** is your one stop shop for textbooks, electronics, school supplies, and plenty of Vol State gear to share your school spirit.



The **Vol State Art Gallery** on the first floor of the SRB building is free and open for everyone to view the work of visiting artists and students.



# Get Involved

Student activities at Vol State include a student newspaper, literary magazine, recording studios, a radio station, and a television studio. Students participate in numerous musical groups, theater performances, and dozens of student organizations.

Concerts and events are held on campus during the school year, both during the day and in the evening. For information about student activities visit Student Engagement and Support in the Wood Campus Center, Room 215.



# Go Pioneers!

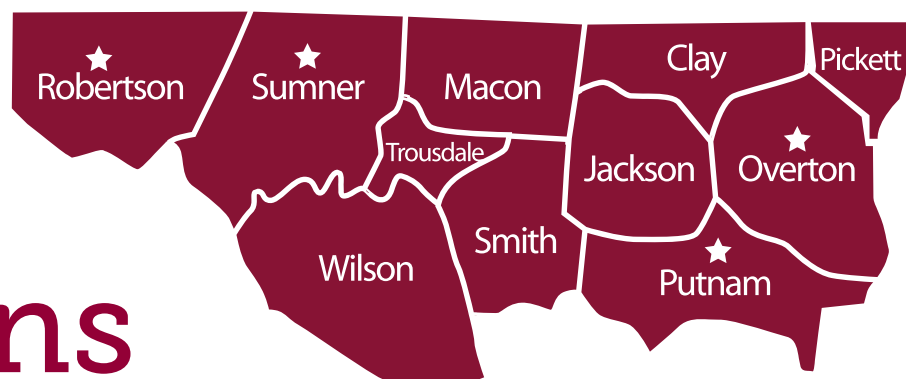
Whether it's a hard-driving lay-up or a smoking fastball, Vol State athletes put their heart into the game and are a centerpiece of Vol State campus pride. The Vol State sports teams are nicknamed the Pioneers and Lady Pioneers. Sports include Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Fast Pitch

Softball, Men's Baseball, and various Intramural sports activities. Games are held in the gym at the Pickel Field House and at the baseball and softball fields. As a student, you get in free with your student ID. Intramural sports are held throughout the year as well.





# Campus Locations



## ★ SUMNER COUNTY

Main Campus  
1480 Nashville Pike  
Gallatin, TN 37066  
615-452-8600  
[volstate.edu](http://volstate.edu)

## ★ PUTNAM COUNTY

Vol State at Cookeville  
1000 Neal Street  
Cookeville, TN 38501  
931-520-0551  
[volstate.edu/Cookeville](http://volstate.edu/Cookeville)

## ★ OVERTON COUNTY

Vol State at Livingston  
113 Windle Community Road  
Livingston, TN 38570  
931-823-7065  
[volstate.edu/Livingston](http://volstate.edu/Livingston)

## ★ ROBERTSON COUNTY

Vol State at Springfield  
150 Laureate Avenue  
Springfield, TN 37172  
615-433-7030  
[volstate.edu/springfield](http://volstate.edu/springfield)







# Get Connected

## Interested in Information about a Particular Program?

Visit our webpage at [volstate.edu](http://volstate.edu)

You'll find pages for all of our programs, services, and support. There is also an A-Z index to find those programs and a people finder to contact faculty and staff members.



### Facebook

Like our Facebook page and stay in touch with Vol State. We'll have information to help you in class. We'll also talk about activities on campus, and post weather closing and delays.



### The Vol State Blog

The Vol State Virtual Community is a blog to keep students and the public in touch with what's happening on campus: [volstate.edu/blog](http://volstate.edu/blog)



### Instagram

Share life on campus and keep up with what your friends are doing at Vol State with Instagram.



### Twitter

We post information about events and news on Twitter: [volstate.edu/twitter](http://volstate.edu/twitter)



### Text Messages

We have a student text messaging system for emergencies and campus information. All registered students are automatically signed-up for both. We think you will appreciate the quick notice of school closings and delays, and the tips we provide to help you in college. You can cancel at any time by texting back STOP to any message.



### Email

You'll also be receiving important notices throughout the school year on your student email account. It's important to check this often. This is our way of reaching you individually with important info about things such as financial aid. You can access your email on your My Vol State page.



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# Degrees We Grant

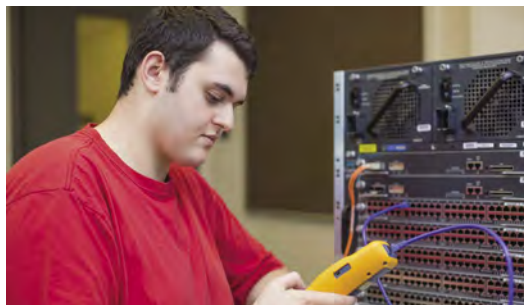
Vol State grants these two-year degrees. The abbreviations correspond to the program list that follows.

A.A: Associate of Arts  
A.F.A: Associate of Fine Arts  
A.S: Associate of Science  
A.A.S: Associate of Applied Science  
A.S.T: Associate of Science in Teaching  
TTP: Tennessee Transfer Pathway program, designed to transfer to four-year degrees at specific colleges and universities.

We also have certificate programs. These are often one-year programs designed for the workplace. See the college catalog for details on all of our programs: [www.volstate.edu/catalog](http://www.volstate.edu/catalog).

## Our Academic Programs

Our academic programs are divided into six divisions: Business and Technology, Health Sciences, Humanities, Math and Science, Nursing, and Social Science and Education



## Business and Technology

- Accounting - A.S. (TTP)
- Business - Accounting Concentration - A.A.S.
- Business - Administrative Professional Technology Concentration - A.A.S.
- Business - Logistics and Supply Chain Management Concentration - A.A.S.
- Business - Management Concentration - A.A.S.
- Business - Marketing Concentration - A.A.S.
- Business Administration - A.S. (TTP)
- Computer Information Technology - Cyber Defense - A.A.S.
- Computer Information Technology - Networking - A.A.S.
- Computer Information Technology - Programming - A.A.S.
- Computer Information Technology - Systems Administration and Management - A.A.S.
- Computer Science - A.S. (TTP)
- Finance - A.S. (TTP)
- Information Systems - A.S. (TTP)
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management Technical Certificate (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/logistics](http://www.volstate.edu/logistics))
- Management - A.S. (TTP)
- Marketing -A.S. (TTP)

# Health Sciences

- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Technical Certificate (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/ems](http://www.volstate.edu/ems))
- Emergency Medical Technician Technical Certificate (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/ems](http://www.volstate.edu/ems))
- Fire Science – Technical Certificate, A.A.S. (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/firescience](http://www.volstate.edu/firescience))
- Health Information Management - A.A.S.
- Health Sciences - A.A.S., A.S.
- Medical Coding Technical Certificate (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/hit](http://www.volstate.edu/hit))
- Medical Laboratory Technology - A.A.S.
- Ophthalmic Technician - A.A.S.
- Physical Therapist Assistant - A.A.S.
- Radiologic Technology - A.A.S.
- Respiratory Care Technology - A.A.S.

Students who earn one of the following technical certificates may also earn the Health Sciences A.A.S. degree by completing additional General Education coursework:

- Dental Assistant – Technical Certificate (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/dentalassistant](http://www.volstate.edu/dentalassistant))
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography - Technical Certificate (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/dms](http://www.volstate.edu/dms))
- Paramedic - Technical Certificate (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/ems](http://www.volstate.edu/ems))
- Sleep Diagnostics Technology - Technical Certificate (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/sleep](http://www.volstate.edu/sleep))



# Humanities

- Art (Studio) - A.A., A.F.A. (TTP)
- Communication: Communication Studies – A.A., A.S. (TTP)
- Communication: Journalism – A.S., A.A.
- Communication: Radio/TV – A.S., A.A.
- English - A.A. (TTP)
- Entertainment Media Production: Digital Radio Media Concentration – A.A.S.
- Entertainment Media Production - Multimedia & Web Design Concentration - A.A.S.
- Entertainment Media Production - Music Business Concentration - A.A.S.
- Entertainment Media Production - Music Production Concentration - A.A.S.

- Entertainment Media Production - Video Production Concentration - A.A.S.
- Foreign Language - A.A. (TTP)
- Liberal Arts - A.A., A.S.
- Mass Communication - A.A., A.S. (TTP)
- Music - A.F.A. (TTP)
- Philosophy - A.A., A.S. (TTP)
- Professional Music - A.A.S.
- Recording Industry Management - A.S.
- Theatre Arts - A.A., A.S. (TTP)
- General Studies - A.A., A.S.



# Mathematics and Science

- Agri-Business - A.S. (2+2 with APSU)
- Agri-Communications - A.S. (2+2 with APSU)
- Agri-Science - A.S. (2+2 with APSU)
- Biology - A.S. (TTP)
- Chemistry - A.S. (TTP)
- Civil Engineering - A.S. (TTP)
- Electrical Engineering - A.S. (TTP)
- Environmental Science - A.S.
- Geosciences - A.S. (TTP)
- Mathematics - A.S. (TTP)
- Mathematics and Science - A.S.
- Mechanical Engineering - A.S. (TTP)
- Mechatronics Technology - A.A.S.
- Physics - A.S. (TTP)
- Pre-Clinical Laboratory Sciences A.S. (TTP)
- Pre-Dental Hygiene - A.S. (TTP)
- Pre-Health Professions (Dentistry, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine) - A.S. (TTP)
- Pre-Nursing - A.S. (Adult Studies)
- Pre-Occupational Therapy - A.S. (TTP)
- Pre-Physical Therapy - A.S. (TTP)
- Veterinary Assistant Technical Certificate (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/vettech](http://www.volstate.edu/vettech))
- Veterinary Technology - A.A.S.

# Nursing

- Nursing A.A.S.



# Social Science and Education

- Criminal Justice - A.A., A.S. (TTP)
- Criminal Justice - Technical Certificate, A.A.S. (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/criminaljustice](http://www.volstate.edu/criminaljustice))
- Early Childhood Education (Pre K-3) - A.S.T. (TTP)
- Early Childhood Education – Technical Certificate, A.A.S. (For Gainful Employment info visit [www.volstate.edu/earlychildhood](http://www.volstate.edu/earlychildhood))
- Economics - A.A., A.S. (TTP)
- Elementary Education (K-5) - A.S.T.
- Exercise Science - A.S. (TTP)
- Health, Physical Education, and Sports Medicine - A.S.
- History - A.A., A.S. (TTP)
- Human Services - A.S.
- International Affairs - A.A. (TTP)
- Political Science - A.A., A.S. (TTP)
- Psychology - A.A., A.S. (TTP)
- Secondary Education - A.S.
- Secondary Education- English - A.S.T.
- Secondary Education- Math - A.S.T.
- Secondary Education- Social Studies - A.S.T.
- Social Science and Education - A.S.
- Sociology - A.A., A.S. (TTP)
- Special Education - A.S. (TTP)
- Sports and Leisure Management - A.S. (TTP)



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