

WSCC HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Academic Year Faculty – 2026 Benefit Summary for New Hires

- Direct Deposit: paid monthly September through August
- Employee Assistance Program through Optum/Here4TN
- Holidays/Administrative Closings (16 paid days)
- Academic Year Calendar – 9 months
- Academic Year Salary: Accrues at the rate of one-half for each academic semester; payable at the rate of one-twelfth of the amount for each month from September through August. The salary for other specified term appointments will accrue and be payable at the rate of one-twelfth for each completed month of service. For an appointment for less than an academic or fiscal year, or in the event of failure to complete the specified term of the appointment, the salary will be prorated in accordance with TBR policy. AY faculty hired at the beginning of the Spring Semester (middle of an academic year) will receive ½ of their annual pay. Further, this pay will be divided over 8 months (January through August) in order to maintain benefits.
- Leave
 - Sick Leave: 7.5 hours (1 day) per month
 - Bereavement Leave- Immediate Family Member (37.5 hours- 5 days for parent or step-parent per occurrence) (22.5 hours- 3 days for sibling, grandparent, grandchild, foster parent, or parent-in-law per occurrence) (75 hours- 10 days for spouse, child, or step-child)
 - FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act)
- Health Insurance (Employee pays 20%; State pays 80%)
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield – Network S
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield – Network P
 - Cigna – LocalPlus or Open Access Plus (OAP)
 - Each vendor will offer your choice of
 - Premier PPO
 - Standard PPO
 - Consumer-driven Health Plan (CDHP)/Health Savings Account (HSA)
 - CVS/Caremark pharmacy benefit
 - Coverage is effective the first day of the month following one full calendar month of employment
 - Not eligible for continuation of insurance upon retirement
- Workers Compensation Program
- Basic Term Life Insurance – Minnesota Life/Securian
- Voluntary Insurance (at employee’s cost)
 - Short Term Disability Insurance Plan – MetLife
 - Long Term Disability Insurance Plan – Reliance Standard Life
 - Dental Insurance – Metlife Preferred and Cigna Prepaid Plan

- Voluntary Group Term Life Insurance – Minnesota Life/Securian
- Voluntary AD&D – Minnesota Life/Securian
- Vision Plan – EyeMed
- Flexible Benefits Plan – TASC
 - Health and dental insurance premium taken on a pre-tax basis
 - Health Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA)
 - Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account
 - Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account (for those enrolled in an HSA)
 - Health Savings Account (HSA)
- Retirement Plans – Information regarding TCRS and ORP retirement benefits can be accessed online at <https://treasury.tn.gov/Retirement/Retire-Ready-Tennessee/for-Higher-Education-Employees>. Employees are required to select a retirement plan during their orientation session/first workday.
 - Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) Hybrid Plan (partial defined benefit plan/partial defined contribution plan)
 - Vesting is immediate on employee contributions; however, the portion of employer contributions that goes into the defined benefit plan (4%) is vested after 5 years of service.
 - Employer contribution rate of 8.93%
 - Employee contribution rate
 - Mandatory 5%
 - Optional auto-enrolled additional 2% through a 401(k) Plan (can waive)
 - Accumulated sick leave is applied toward retirement (20 days = 1 month of retirement credit)
 - Optional Retirement Program (ORP)
 - Plans: Voya, TIAA/CREF
 - Vesting is immediate on both employer and employee contributions
 - Employer contribution rate of 9%
 - Employee contribution rate
 - Mandatory 5%
 - Optional auto-enrolled additional 2% through a 401(k) Plan (can waive)
- Deferred Compensation Program (Tax Deferred Annuities)
 - 401(k) / 401(k) Roth – \$50 monthly state match
 - 457
 - 403(b)
- Fee Waiver for TBR/UT System Employees Program
 - Full-time regular employees of the TBR and UT systems are eligible to enroll in one credit course per term at any state of Tennessee public postsecondary institution (TBR or UT), with fees waived for the employee.
 - Part-time regular and part-time temporary employees of community colleges and TN Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs) are eligible to enroll in one credit course per term at the college in which they work, with fees waived for the employee.

- The waiver is limited to one class, not to exceed four credits or 120 clock hours. It may apply for partial payment of classes of more than 4 credit hours or 120 clock hours.
- The enrollment is limited to available space with the intent that tuition-paying students shall not be denied enrollment by a student using a fee waiver.
- If applicable, the fee waiver should be used before other forms of educational assistance that may be offered by the institution.
- Eligibility
 - All full-time employees (faculty, administrators, and support staff) of an institution are eligible to participate.
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 - The employment status of an employee on the published first day of classes for each term determines eligibility for participation in this program.
- Spouse/Dependent Discount (50% tuition waiver)
- Longevity – \$100 for each year of employment beginning with 3 years of service
- State ID Card – possible discounts for travel, state park facilities, cell phone monthly premiums, etc.
- Library Privileges
- Health & Wellness – Fitness Center
- Informational Websites
 - Walters State Community College (WSCC): <http://ws.edu/>
 - WSCC Policy & Procedures: <http://catalog.ws.edu/index.php?catoid=14>
 - Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR): <http://www.tbr.edu/>
 - Benefits Administration: <https://www.tn.gov/finance/section/fa-benefits>
 - ParTNers for Health: <http://www.partnersforhealthtn.gov/>
 - Optum/Here4TN: www.Here4TN.com or 1-855-437-3486
 - Minnesota Life/Securian: www.LifeBenefits.com/StateofTN
 - Reliance Standard (Long Term Disability): <https://www.tn.gov/finance/section/fa-benefits>
 - Empower Retirement Services: <https://www.gwrs.com/login.do>
 - TASC- Flexible Spending Benefits: <https://www.tasconline.com/>

****Special Incentives for the 2026 calendar year*****

- 100% of Life Insurance premiums are covered by the state
- 50% of Dental plan premiums are covered by the state (regardless of plan selected)
- State is paying for Long Term Disability for Tier 3