Student Handbook

COOSA VALLEY TECH

112 Hemlock Street, Rome, Georgia



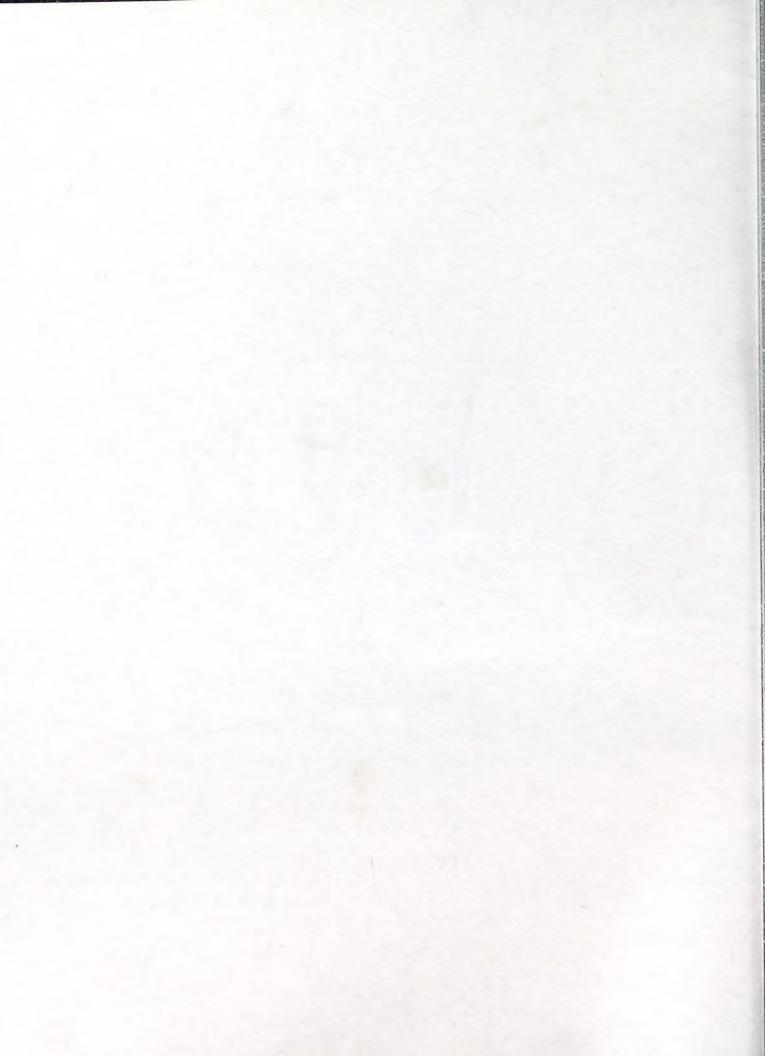
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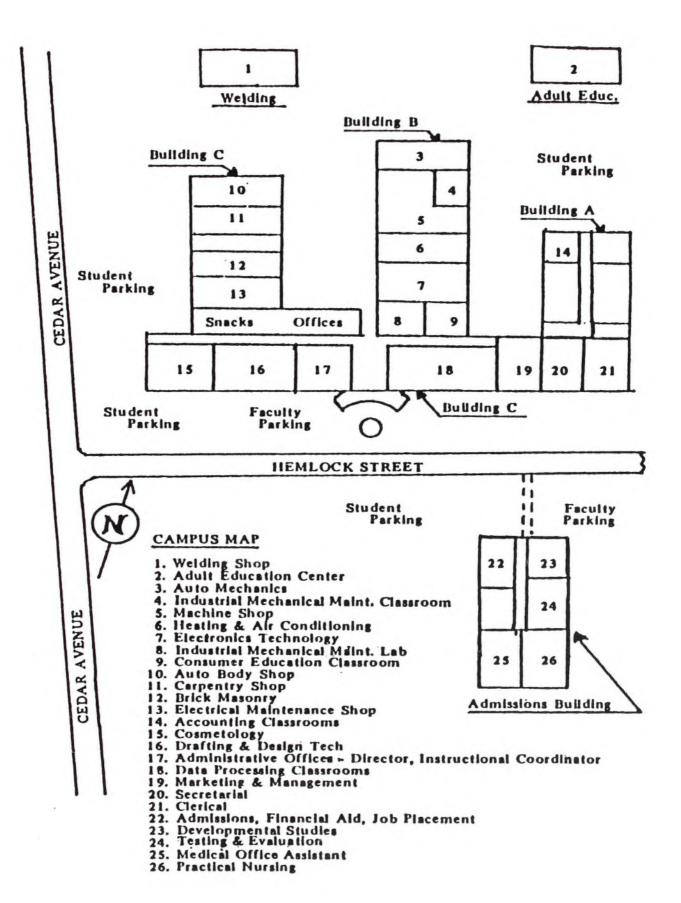
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1987-1988 SCHOOL CALENDAR

OCTOBER 5 NOVEMBER 25-26 26-27 DECEMBER	Fall Quarter Day Classes Begin Fall Quarter Evening Classes Begin Evening Thanksgiving Holidays Day Thanksgiving Holidays			
17 18	Graduation - Last Day of Fall Quarter Christmas Holidays Begin (thru Jan. 4)			
JANUARY 5 18 FEBRUARY	Winter Quarter Day & Evening Classes Begin Martin Luther King Holiday			
12	In-serviceDay Instructors - Student Holiday			
MARCH 18 21-31	Graduation - Last Day of Winter Quarter In-ServiceDay & Evening Instructors Student Holidays			
APRIL 1 4	Good Friday Holiday Spring Quarter Begins			
MAY 14 30	In-serviceDay Instructors - Student Holiday Memorial Day - Holiday			
<u>JUNE</u> 16 17	Graduation - Last Day of Spring Quarter Summer Vacation Begins (thru July 11)			
THE V	TENTATIVE SCHEDULE			
JULY 11	Summer Quarter Begins - Day & Evening			
AUGUST 1-5	In-serviceDay & Evening Instructors Student Holiday			
SEPTEMBER 5 28	Labor Day Holiday Graduation - End of Summer Quarter			

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PHILOSOPHY & PURPOSE

Coosa Valley Tech is dedicated to the belief that educational training should be provided for all citizens with the major purpose being the preparation of students for successful employment in the business and industrial community.

HISTORY

Coosa Valley Tech was established in 1962 and offered eight programs of study. In 1968, six new programs were added as the school completed its first expansion of facilities. In 1969, the Coosa Valley Tech Board of Trustees became the governing body for the school. In 1972, Coosa Valley Tech was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1976, three new

programs were added through a second expansion. The year 1980 saw a third expansion that added two new programs and relocated several to a new Admissions Building. A post-secondary chapter of VICA was formed in 1982, followed by a business fraternity, Phi Beta Lambda, in 1983. In 1987, Coosa Valley Tech became a State school governed by the Postsecondary Board.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

VICA - The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America has a chapter on campus that is open to all students.

PHI BETA LAMBDA - A fraternal organization with membership limited to students in business and office education programs.

THE GOAL PROGRAM - Held annually, the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership features local competition, the selection of four school finalists, a local banquet where a school winner is named, and state-wide competition for major prizes and awards in Atlanta. Outstanding students are nominated by their instructors.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OPTIONS

Graduates from most day and evening programs can use their CVT credit toward an <u>Associate Degree in Applied Science</u> from Floyd College under an agreement between the two schools. The programs not covered by this agreement are Practical Nursing, Medical Office Assistant, and the following joint-enrollment programs.

Students in Electronics, Data Processing Technology, and Secretarial Science can participate in a joint-enrollment option that combines CVT credit with Floyd Junior College credit and earn the student an associate degree from the college and a diploma from CVT.

Contact either school for information on these options.

ORIENTATION

The Handbook is provided to all students to acquaint them with the school. Due to the small numbers of students admitted each quarter, Coosa Valley Tech does not conduct a formal orientation program.

Orientation is handled by instructors in each of the school's programs. This booklet is a part of the orientation process, along with department or program requirements that are explained by the instructor.

It is the students responsibility to become familiar with the contents of this handbook.

IF YOU NEED HELP ...

- See your instructor about ABSENCES or WITHDRAWAL.
- See the Accounting Office, Building C, for BOOKS and SUPPLIES.
- See the Administrative office, Building C, for CLASS SCHEDULE, INSTRUCTIONAL PROBLEMS, VETERAN AFFAIRS, and TRANSFERS.
- 4. See the Admissions Office for CCUNSELING, RECORDS, GRADUATION, FINANCIAL AID, JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE, PUBLICATIONS.

BULLETIN BOARDS

Changes in school policy, job opportunities, and special announcements are posted on the bulletin boards throughout the school. Students are expected to read these announcements and to keep up-to-date with changes that might affect them.

Students wishing to post announcements on bulletin boards to sell items or advertise events must clear the announcement with the Administrative Office before it is posted. Announcements must carry the date posted and should be removed within two weeks.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This sections covers the things a student should know other than rules, regulations, and school policies.

STUDENT SERVICES

Students are encouraged to use the services of specialists who offer free assistance in dealing with student problems. The following services are available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and are located in the Admissions Building.

FINANCIAL AID - An expert on financial aid programs will be happy to assist you in qualifying for grants and loans.

COUNSELING - Two guidance counselors are available to assist you in coping with school or personal problems.

JOB PLACEMENT - An experienced placement officer is available to assist you in applying for full- or part-time employment.

TESTING & EVALUATION - Students who want additional testing of interests, aptitudes, and abilities can make arrangements for such evaluations through the Office of Admissions.

ADULT EDUCATION/GED TESTING

Free adult education classes are taught on the CVT campus and can be scheduled as morning, afternoon, or night classes. This training prepares you for the GED Test which, if passed, gives you a certificate which is the equivalent of a high school diploma.

The GED Test is given, by appointment, by the personnel in the Office of Admissions. There is a fee for this test.

VISITORS

Students are not encouraged to have visitors, unless it is an emergency, as they interrupt training.

Occasionally, the school will tour groups of visitors through the facilities during the day. Please continue with your training and conduct yourselves properly.

CLASS RINGS

Graduating students may purchase a CVT class ring from a company representative that visits the school twice each year. You may order your ring through the Company Representative. Notice will be posted on the bulletin board when orders will be taken.

SNACK BAR & BREAK ROOM

Students should keep these areas clean by properly disposing of used cups, cans, and wrappers. Vending machines are provided in these areas and throughout the school for your convenience. Problems with these machines should be reported to the school's Accounting Office immediately.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Please do not have friends or family call unless it is a true emergency. Students making calls from school should use the pay phones that are strategically located on the campus.

CHANGES IN NAME OR ADDRESS

Students must notify either the Administrative or Admissions Office of any changes in name or address.

STUDENT DRESS

Apparel that is consistent with decent and acceptable community standards and appropriate for the training area is permitted on campus.

STUDENT RECORDS

Permanent records on each student are kept in the Office of Admissions. Upon written request, students are allowed to inspect their records and challenge any information deemed to be misleading or inaccurate.

This record will not be released to others, except where permitted by law, without the written consent of the student or the student's parent or guardian when the student is less than 18 years of age.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Coosa Valley Tech holds graduation exercises, provided there are sufficient numbers of graduates, at the end of each quarter. All students are expected to attend and classes are interrupted at 10:00 a.m. The exercises are at 10:30 a.m. and are usually held at the East Rome Baptist Church on Cedar Avenue.

Students planning to graduate are required to complete an Application for Graduation form. This form is available from the office and is used to prepare the diploma. There is no charge for the diploma.

SCHOOL RULES & POLICIES

SAFETY

Students in shops and labs will be instructed as to the safe operation of tools and equipment. Where required, protective clothing, glasses, hood, and masks are to be worn.

ACCIDENTS & ILLNESSES

All accidents must be reported to the instructor in the area. Students who are injured or become ill should seek first aid from their instructor. Those in need of other medical treatment will be referred to a physician or emergency treatment center.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The school requires all students to carry accident insurance, either their own policy or one provided through the school. The cost of medical treatment, transportation, and related expenses will be the responsibility of the student.

The group accident policy, provided through the school, offers coverage from fall through summer and must be renewed each fall regardless of the length of coverage that occurs when students enter at times other than the fall quarter.

CLOSING SCHOOL FOR WEATHER

All absences due to severe weather will count against the total allowed by the school. The decision to close school due to weather will be made by the President and announced on local radio stations. If in doubt, call the school to find out when classes will be held. The number is (404) 235-1142.

PARKING YOUR CAR

Student cars may be towed away, at the student's expense, if parked in any but the following designated parking lots:

- The lot on the corner of Cedar Avenue and Hemlock Street.
- 2. The lot with entry only from Cedar Avenue.
- The lot across from Springwood Nursing Home on Hemlock Street.
- 4. The lot for the Admissions Building that has its entrance across from the drive way to the main building.
- 5. Handicapped spaces are for cars with a handicap decal.

ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING is allowed on the grass or in the service courtyard behind Building C.

THE GRADING SYSTEM

Business, Trade, and Technical Programs	Health Occupations	Developmental Studies	
91-100A	94-100A	SSatisfactory	
81-90B	87-93B	UUnsatisfactory	
70-80C	80-86C		
Below 70. Unsatisfactory	y 75-79D		
IP-Class in Progress	Below 75 Unsatisfactory		
INC - Incomplete	IP - Class in Progress		

OTHER SYMBOLS

WP - Withdrew Passing WF - Withdrew Failing WD - Withdrew within 3 weeks of entry, a no-show.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

Numerical grades are posted to the student's record except in those cases where the symbols IP, INC, WP, WF, and WD are used to indicate that a course was not completed during the grading period. For the purpose of calculating a numberical average, the following point values shall be temporarily assigned for these symbols. This assigned value will not be recorded on the students record except as noted below for INC and IP symbols that are not removed within the next grading period.

Symbol	Assigned Point Value and Re-entry Conditions.		
IP	A value of 75 points for one quarter. See note below.		
INC	A value of 60 points for one quarter. See note below.		
WD	A value of 75 points. Must be repeated upon re-entry.		
WP	A value of 75 points. Must be repeated upon re-entry.		
WF	A value of 60 points. Must be repeated upon re-entry.		
S	Non-credit course valued at 75 for averaging only.		
U	Non-credit course valued at 60 for averaging only.		
NOTE:	An INC or IP symbol that is not replaced by a numerical grade during the grading period that follows, will result in the substitution of a grade of 60 on the student's permanent record for courses with such symbols.		
	ACADEMIC DROBATION		

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students who fail to maintain a minimum passing average as specified in the grading system above, will automatically be placed on probation for the following quarter. Students who are unable to maintain a passing average while on probation will be required to withdraw from school. Applicants are barred from re-entry to the same program area after failing to meet the conditions of a second probation.

THE PRESIDENT'S LIST

Students attending on a half-time or greater basis are eligible for the Director's List if they make a numerical average of 90.5 or higher for work attempted during the

grading period. Courses for which a symbol is given instead of a numerical grade will be averaged according to the point value accorded that symbol in the paragraph entitled Calculating Satisfactory Progress.

DISCIPLINE FOR BAD CONDUCT

Should a student exercise his or her citizenship in such a manner as to be charged, indicted and/or convicted for violation of any city, state, or federal law, he or she shall be subject to appropriate action by the school, including probation, suspension, or dismissal.

Any student guilty of theft of school property, vandalism, or damaging school property; drinking, or in possession of alcoholic beverages, narcotics or illegal drugs on campus; or who assults any member of the faculty; or who commits other acts of aggression or conduct that is deemed to be detrimental to the best interest of the student body or school staff, shall be subject to dismissal and/or prosecution.

DISCIPLINARY APPEAL

Students have the right to appeal any action of the school which seeks to discipline their behavior or restrict their participation in ordinary school activities. All appeals should be directed to the school's chief administrative officer and the Board of Directors. Penalties need not be postponed pending the appeal process.

LATE REGISTRATION

Except for programs offering individualized instruction, students may not enroll after the first week of classes. Students who enter classes late may be required to make up the work that was missed.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Coosa Valley Tech does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, age, or handicap. The school supports Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS - Students should report any incident where there is reason to believe that they are victims of discrimination in the areas listed above. Students should also report incidents of sexual harassment whether perpetrated by a fellow student or an employee of the school.

Complaints should be reported to:

Charles Rice, Title IX Sex Equity Coordinator, Admissions Office.

Carroll Watters, Handicapped Coordinator, Building C. Ed Buice, Administrator, Day Instructional Programs. Joe Knighten, Administrator, Evening Instructional Programs.

THE ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend each scheduled class as regular attendance is considered a part of the job preparation program. There are no excused absence other than those for jury duty and annual active duty military training.

Students are subject to dismissal from a class when absenteeism exceeds 10% of the hours for which the class is scheduled. Normally, this occurs on the 6th absence for a full-time student, the 4th for a half-time night student, or when the 10% limit is exceeded by students with different schedules.

Those students who accumulate six days of absences in a full-time program (or 4 days in a half-time program) are subject to dismissal from school. Those who know that they have exceeded the school's limit on absenteeism should appeal to the Attendance Review Board.

TARDIES - Students who are not in class when the bell rings are tardy. Three tardies count as an absence.

ATTENDANCE REVIEW BOARD

Students who exceed the 10% limit for absenteeism may remain in class, pending the decision of the Attendance Review Board, if a written explanation of the absenteeism is on file with the Director of Instruction. This statement is to be filed on the first day that the student is in school following voilation of the limits on absenteeism as stated above.

The Attendance Review Board meets on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the conference room next to the Administrative Office.

Requests for review should be filed within 24 hours, if possible, after exceeding the policy. At the time of filing, the student will be given a permit to return to class. This will temporarily allow the student to remain in school beyond the limits of the attendance policy.

Request for review should be accompanied by documentation for all illnesses and other situations.

Students are not required to appear before the Attendance Review Board, but may request an appearance to explain the reasons for their absences.

Students with cases under review are required to report to the Director of Instruction on Friday, following the meeting, to sign and receive a copy of the board's decision.

Students can expect one of the following rulings from the Attendance Review Board:

- Return to class under probation that limits future absences. Students can be dismissed from a class or from school for exceeding the limits set by this probation notice.
- 2. Dismissal from the class or classes in which absences exceed the 10% limit.

The Right To Appeal - Students may appeal the decision of the Attendance Review Board to the school's Board of Directors; however, the penalties imposed by the Review Board will not be postponed during the appeal process.

ATTENDANCE BY VETERANS

Educational institutions are required to report promptly the entrance, re-entrance, or change in hours of credit or attendance for each veteran or eligible person. This regulation makes it mandatory that the veteran notify the school of any change in attendance status. Any overpayment to a veteran resulting from failure to report changes in attendance will be re-paid by the veteran.

Otherwise, the attendance policy for students receiving VA benefits is the same as that for all other students.

To receive full-time benefits, veterans must be enrolled for 30 clock-hours per week.

To receive half-time benefits for night classes, veterans must enroll for 12 clock-hours per week.

To receive half-time benefits for day time classes, veterans must enroll for 15 hours per week.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

During the first week of school, students may make changes in their class schedule without academic penalty. All schedule changes must be approved by the <u>Director of Instruction</u> who supervises the program. See the Administrative Office for the proper school official.

PROGRAM TRANSFERS

Students who wish to transfer to another program at CVT must complete a <u>Request for Transfer</u> form and have it approved by the proper school personnel.

Students who wish to transfer from day to night or vice-versa must complete a <u>Request for Transfer</u> form and have it approved by the proper school personnel. Transfers in this category will affect financial aid and VA recipients due to a change in the hours attended.

Transfers are approved if you provide a satisfactory reason, have the necessary qualifications, and there is an opening in the program to which you have applied to transfer.

DROPPING A CLASS

Withdrawal from a class will result in one of the following symbols being reported on your record:

WP - Withdrew Passing WF - Withdrew Failing WD - Withdrew within 3 weeks of entry, no show.

See Satisfactory Progress to discover how these symbols will affect your grade average.

See Veterans Attendance to see how eligibility is affected.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

Students withdrawing from school should notify their instructor who will complete a withdrawal form. Students who withdraw are classified in good standing or not in good standing.

Students who withdraw in good standing are eligible for readmission without restrictions.

Students who withdraw while <u>not in good standing</u> are subject to restrictions on their readmission. These restrictions always involve probation and are generally imposed prior to withdrawal by the student.

THE LIVE WORK POLICY

Instructors are encouraged to keep programs of instruction up-to-date by incorporating current business and industrial practices, procedures, and equipment into their curriculums. One of the methods for achieving this objective is to accept live-work projects as class activities. These projects are selected using the following criteria:

- 1. The project must fit into the instructional program as a learning experience.
- The instructor, with the approval of the Director of Instruction, may accept or reject the live-work project.
- 3. The owner of any item used in a live-work project must sign forms releasing the school, its employees, students, and its board members from any liability.
- 4. The owner of any item used in a live-work project must sign all agreements concerning payment of any costs incurred and the disposition of the item should the terms of the agreement not be met.

- 5. Live-work projects should be accepted in the following priority order:
 - a. Owned by Coosa Valley Tech.
 - b. Owned by CVT students in the same program ing the work.
 - c. Owned by CVT instructors and staff.
 - d. Owned by CVT students outside the program doing the work.
 - e. Owned by other governmental agencies.
 - Owned by charitable agencies and civic organizations.
 - g. Owned by selected members of the general public whose project will enhance the training program.

Departments accepting live-work from the general public or students enrolled in other programs will charge a shop fee to cover equipment usage and overhead costs. This fee schedule is available from the business office. All fees are to be agreed upon before the project is accepted.

Individuals requesting live-work to be done off-campus will be required to purchase all materials and have them delivered to the work site. Only emergency purchases may be made through the school and these must be paid when the school receives the billing.

Off-campus projects requiring the use of school or student vehicles to transport personnel or materials will require payment of 21¢ per mile (per vehicle) for travel to and from the work site. This charge is due at the end of each month while work is continuing.

All monies due the school for on-campus live-work must be paid upon completion of the project and <u>before</u> the item is picked up.

All monies due the school for off-campus projects must be paid when completed except for transportation costs to be paid on a schedule agreed to before the project begins.

TUITION & FEES

In addition to the acceptance fee paid before admission to a program, Coosa Valley Tech charges the following tuition and fees, payable quarterly:

Total Costs	Tuition & Supply Fee	Day/ Nights	Programs Charging These Costs
\$102	(\$76 + \$ 26)	Day	Business, Health, Cosmetology
\$ 18	(\$13 + \$ 5)	Night	Business: one night per week
\$ 36	(\$26 + \$ 10)	Night	Business: two nights per week
\$ 53	(\$38 + \$ 15)	Night	Business: three nights per week
\$118	(\$76 + \$ 42)	Day	Trade & Technical except below
\$ 62	(\$38 + \$ 24)	Night	Trade & Technical \$21 one night; \$42 two nights per week
\$162	(\$76 + \$ 86)	Day	Auto Body and Machine Shop
\$ 81	(\$38 + \$ 43)	Night	Machine Shop: three nights per week \$28 one night; \$55 two nights per week.
\$241	(\$76 + \$165)	Day	Welding (full-time day or afternoon classes)
\$ 96	(\$26 + \$ 70)	Night	Welding: two nights per week
\$ 42	(\$26 + \$ 16)	Night	Cabinetmaking: two nights per week

^{*} Tuition & Fees are subject to change without notice.

OUT-OF-STATE CHARGES - (Does not apply to residents of Alabama). Non-residents pay double tuition. Supply fees remain the same as shown above. Non-residents (except from Alabama) are those who have not lived in Georgia continuously for the twelve months preceding registration for classes at Coosa Valley Tech.

SENIOR CITIZENS - Georgia residents 62 years of age and older do not pay tuition but are charged the supply fee.

REFUND POLICY

The Acceptance Fee is not refundable. A refund of 75% of the tuition and supply fee paid will be made to the student if requested. This refund request must be made during the first 14 consecutive calendar days, including holidays, following the beginning date of the quarter for which paid. Refunds will be reduced by any previous indebtedness to the school. No pro-rate refunds are allowed.

Refunds for textbooks may be made, at the discretion of the administration, during the quarter in which they were purchased provided they are in **NEW** condition.

REGISTRATION

Registration for each new quarter is usually during the last two weeks of the existing quarter. A schedule is posted for students presently enrolled. Registration dates are mailed to incoming new students.

Registration is the act of scheduling classes and the paying of tuition and fees. Normally, the purchase of textbooks is delayed until the first day of classes.

FINANCIAL AID

Students taking 12 or more clock hours per week may apply for financial assistance through the Office of Admissions. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents in the process of becoming U.S. citizens.

Students who have attended schools beyond high school must provide CVT with a financial aid transcript from the last school attended - even if they did not receive financial aid.

SOURCES OF AID

PELL GRANT - Awards approximately \$1,000 per year and does not require repayment if minimum attendance requirement is met. Not available to those with a Bachelor's Degree. The amount of award is based on need. Payment is to the student quarterly.

Processing Time: 4 to 6 weeks to determine eligibility. At least three (3) weeks prior to beginning of quarter for processing payment. Payment for fees and books in the form of a voucher the remainder in a check.

GEORGIA INCENTIVE GRANT - Awards up to \$450 per year and does not require repayment. Georgia residents only. Based on need. Student must be accepted by the school. Payment is sent to the school.

Processing Time: Must be applied for between January and April. Payment is usually received by the school in late September.

STUDENT LOANS - Awards up to \$2,000 per year. Repayment is required but is delayed while the student is in school. A low rate of interest is charged. Applications are available at any local bank or lending institution and the schools Financial Aid Office. Students checks are mailed to the school and can be picked up during registration.

Processing Time: Allow two weeks. School must certify acceptance for entry or enrollment on a half-time or greater basis.

STATE DIRECT STUDENT LOAN - Awards up to \$1,500 per year to students in Practical Nursing. Following graduation, each year of employment in an approved health care facility cancels one year's use of this loan. Payment is made to the school.

Processing Time: Application is mailed, with a transmittal letter from the school, to the Georgia Student Finance Authority and the processing time is usually several weeks.

TUITION-CANCELLATION WORK PROGRAM - A local work-study program that allows students to work off their tuition fees, books, and other school costs before entering class. This program is available to students in need of financial assistance. All work is on-campus at a minimum hourly rate.

The amount earned is subtracted from tuition, books, fees, and supplies due at registration. The student is responsible for the balance due. If the amount earned is more than the fees it is carried over to the next quarter.

Processing Time: Only a few days. See Mrs. Callins in the Office of Admissions for an application or more information.

J.T.P.A. - Sponsorship by the Job Training Partnership Act pays for tuition, fees, books, and other school costs. A small sum is paid to the student each week. Eligibility is determined by J.T.P.A. Berry Service Representative and is based on need. The applicant for this source of aid must enroll in a program of four quarters or less as approved by the J.T.P.A. Service Representative at Berry College.

Processing Time: After eligibility is determined by the J.T.P.A. Service Representative, the individual must be enrolled or qualified for enrollment at CVT as a full-time student. Approval by the J.T.P.A. Coordinator from the school is required.

OTHER AID - Eligible veterans and their dependents may use VA benefits. Vocational Rehabilitation will sponsor certain students with handicapping conditions.

WHO DO YOU SEE FOR HELP?

The financial aid officer is Mr. John Callins. The financial aid office is in the Office of Admissions and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You are advised to call for an appointment. Telephone (404) 235-1142. In-house students are encouraged to make appointments on Wednesday.