The Tennessee Certified Economic Developer (TCED) Program, administered by the University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services (UT CIS), provides high quality training, continuing education and professional development opportunities to Tennessee's economic and community development practitioners and community leaders.

The program gives participants a broad-based knowledge of economic opportunities and trends, core components and tools required to compete in today's global economy with a focus on economic development in Tennessee.

Upon completion of the TCED course curricula and certification requirements, participants receive the Tennessee Certified Economic Developer (TCEcD) designation, indicating that they have achieved core competency in the principles and practices of economic development in Tennessee.

The TCED program offers a series of economic development courses in locations across the state. The Tennessee Basic Economic Development Course (TBEDC), an International Economic Development Council (IEDC) certified 24-hour course, is the anchor course for the certification program. However, it is not a pre-requisite to other course offerings. Other course requirements include six specific subject matter core courses (10-hour courses) and an elective course.* In addition to completing the required courses, participants must complete a Capstone Project including a written and oral presentation.

UT CIS structures course offerings for each TCED candidate to complete certification requirements within a two-year period. To maintain TCEcD certification, graduates must complete a minimum of 48 hours of training every three years from date of graduation. Each course offering may also be taken independently.

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