

1. History and Characteristics

Tennessee Technological University (TTU) was established by an act of the General Assembly in 1915. Its first grounds and buildings belonged to Dixie College, a private institution founded in 1911. The campus is located in Cookeville, the largest and most centrally located city in the Upper Cumberland region.

The University operates two farms in the region: the 1,800-acre Oakley Farm, which is home to one of the largest beef cattle operations in the state and the 300-acre Shipley Farm, which includes the Hyder-Burks