



**A Report
East Tennessee State University**

Update on Mission and Activities

Vision Statement:

To become the best regional university in the nation.

The university pursues community partnerships that will both enhance its institutional effectiveness and serve the region. It places special emphasis on community-based and interdisciplinary learning. ETSU is a leader in improving the intellectual, cultural, economic, political, social, and health environment of Northeast Tennessee and the Southern Appalachian region.

Our goals

- ◆ Respond to community requests for more information about the University and its programs
 - Health programs and services
 - Admissions and financial aid programs
- ◆ Identify leaders who can help frame and form long-term partnerships between community and university
- ◆ Collect more questions and community-identified issues

ETSU Division of Health Sciences

- ◆ Quillen College of Medicine
- ◆ College of Nursing
- ◆ College of Public and Allied Health

New developments

- Studying development of college of pharmacy*
- New doctoral programs in nursing and communicative disorders (speech and hearing)*
- Forming ETSU school of public health*

Health Sciences: Expanding Knowledge through Research

- ◆ Both basic science and applied research
- ◆ ETSU supports human subjects protections
- ◆ Mostly supported from national funding
- ◆ New courses established to encourage students to help community find answers to their questions

How We do It

Community Participatory Research

Diabetes in the Hispanic community

- ◆ Goals: community capacity building, address diabetes issues
- ◆ Team of community members and researchers helping prevent and manage diabetes

Appalachian Translational Research

- ◆ Goals: find new ways for communities to identify research issues in disease prevention and health promotion
- ◆ Link researchers and community members to address problems
- ◆ Find ways to use research results to improve health