

East Tennessee State University

PhD in Psychology Handbook

Preface

The Handbook for the Doctoral Program* in Psychology (hereafter referred to as the “Handbook”) provides basic information, guidelines, policies, and procedures pertaining to the Psychology Doctoral Program at East Tennessee University (ETSU). It is designed for students in all years of the program. Most questions about procedures and guidelines can be answered by carefully reading this Handbook. This Handbook and its supplements, when issued, contain the current regulations and requirements for graduate study leading to the PhD in Psychology. There are additional requirements and/or procedures that are found in the ETSU Student Handbook and the ETSU Graduate Student Handbook. **All students are responsible for knowing the information in these documents, and enrollment is considered an acceptance of all conditions specified in these documents.**

Policies and guidelines may change during enrollment in the graduate program. Although the program makes every effort to provide updated, accurate, and appropriate information about the program requirements, this Handbook is dated immediately by even the most minor changes. Consequently, students should check with their Primary Academic Advisor and/or the Director of Clinical Training (DCT) or the Director of Experimental Training (DET) with respect to any problems or ambiguities that might not be addressed or about recent changes that do not appear in the most current edition of the Handbook. This Handbook is meant to be used as a guideline for both students and faculty.

Unanticipated problems or unique situations may occur, however, and are resolved through mutual consultation among the student, the appropriate faculty member or advisor, and the Graduate Training Committee who ultimately make decisions guided by their collective and best professional judgement.

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*The Psychology Department at ETSU offers a PhD degree program in Psychology with two concentrations: Experimental and Clinical, and the use of the term “program” throughout this document is not meant to imply that there are two separate PhD degree programs. The term “program” throughout this document is in keeping with the standard of practice in utilizing the broader use of the term.