THESIS AND DISSERTATION
BOOT CAMP

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• Comprehensive, Regional State University with Division of Academic Affairs and Division of Health Affairs

• **11 Colleges and Schools:** Education, Arts and Sciences, Business and Technology, Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences, Nursing, Public Health, Pharmacy, Honors, Medicine, Continuing Studies, Graduate Studies

• **Total Enrollment ~ 14,000**

• **13 Doctoral Programs, 40 Master’s Programs, 18 Graduate Certificate Programs**

• **Approx. 2300 Students in School of Graduate Studies**
Why Need?

Students have challenges:

• Writer’s block
  – Stuck at a particular stage
  – Fear or unfamiliarity of writing and editing
  – Writing in non-native language

• Time management
  – Graduate assistantship
  – Full time employment

• Daily distractions
  – Family
  – Dishes
  – Laundry
  – Pets
  – Social media
  – “Me” time
  – Any excuse not to work on thesis or dissertation
Also.....

Students Need Support

- Faculty support
- Peer review
- Help writing
- Technical assistance
- Formatting help
- Group encouragement
- Massages!
How Design?

Things to Consider:

• Student challenges
• Demographics
• Stages of writing
• Cost
• Resources and volunteers
• Faculty contributions
• Space, time, and scheduling logistics

Development and Advisory Board:

• Graduate Program Directors and other Graduate Faculty
• Graduate Council
• Graduate School, Office of Professional Development, and Library personnel
ETSU Result

• Cost neutral model. $150 transferable fee.
• A focused and collaborative environment dedicated to students writing a thesis or a dissertation.
• Also open to students working on proposals or projects.
• Students are given direct access to resources.
• Writing consultation appointments offered.
• Focus is on productivity and making considerable writing progress regardless of the writing stage with graduation as the primary goal.
WHERE AND WHEN?

1 Camp Per Semester
4 Weekends Per Camp

• Saturdays
  • Sherrod Library, room 309, 311
  • 9:00am-6:00pm with the option of staying until 10:00pm

• Friday Evenings
  • Sherrod Library, room 309, 311
  • 5:30pm-10:00pm
Optional Mini Workshops

- Milestones and Speed Bumps
- Getting Started
- Style Guides/Review Process
- Review of Writing Mechanics
- The Review and Editing Process
- Organizing Literature for Review
- Turnitin Training
- Institutional Review Board (IRB) Process
- And More!

PLUS:

- More than 50 hours of dedicated writing time
- Discussion boards
Access to Resources

– Library Staff
– Graduate Faculty
– The Dean of Graduate Studies
– Thesis and Dissertation Reviewers
– Center for Academic Achievement - Writing Center
– On Campus Housing
– And More
Advertisement and Registration

Advertisement

• E-mails
• Flyers
• Press releases
• Graduate School and ETD web sites
• Social media
• Word of mouth

Registration

• Office of Professional Development
• Links to registration provided in e-mail

Required Participation

• Some departments are now requiring their students to attend
Examples of Participating Disciplines

- Allied Health
- Biomedical Sciences
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Leadership
- English
- Geosciences
- History
- Kinesiology and Sport Studies
- Liberal Studies
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Sport Physiology and Performance
- Technology
- Other Universities!
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