

## HANDBOOK AGREEMENT

This Handbook is for doctoral students in the Appalachian State University Psy.D. program. It provides information about policies and procedures for the management and completion of your degree. The content of this document is provided for general information and is believed to be accurate at the time of its writing, but is subject to change as deemed necessary by the program or department faculty, and/or University Administrators. The University also reserves the right to effect changes to tuition and fees without notice. An attempt will be made to inform you of any changes to this document; however, you will want to be in close consultation with your advisor to ensure you have the most current information. Occasionally errors in this handbook or other documents may be found. You will be informed of these errors when they are discovered, but in no case will the program be bound to follow an erroneous statement or policy.

The Handbook is not meant to supersede any Appalachian State University policies or Standards of Student Conduct, Appalachian State University Graduate School policies and procedures or material in the Graduate Bulletin, the Ethics Code of the American Psychological Association, or the laws and regulations governing psychology in North Carolina. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with all information relevant to the Psy.D. program. We hope this handbook will serve you well in addressing frequently asked questions concerning the completion of our doctoral program in Clinical Psychology.

The faculty members of the Psy.D. Program encourage students to place an emphasis on their own development. During the course of their tenure in the program, students will have opportunities to examine the relationship between self-development and professional competency. Some courses may include experiential components designed to foster student self-examination in relation to course content, competencies, and professional development. Courses and practica may include material and activities that require personal exploration about psychological, social, and cultural processes of human behavior. Students may be expected to share appropriate personal material in various classes and practicum situations.

Students must be aware that there are many personal and professional reasons that may prohibit them from earning a Psy.D. or becoming licensed to practice psychology. Therefore, the faculty of the program cannot guarantee either graduation from the program or licensure. However, we will make every effort to meet our obligations to each student to give you every opportunity to accomplish your goals.

I understand that my educational success is a joint effort between the faculty and me, the outcomes of which cannot be guaranteed. Progress depends on many factors including my motivation, effort, and other life circumstances. I agree that I will be responsible for adhering to all of the policies in this Psy.D. Handbook, as well as those of the Cratis D. Williams Graduate School and Appalachian State University. I also agree to adhere to the Ethics Code of the American Psychological Association and the laws and regulations governing psychology in the state of North Carolina and wherever I complete my practica and internship. I acknowledge that I have read this Handbook and if I had any questions about the contents of the handbook they have been answered to my satisfaction by my advisor or the Program Director.

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