

## **East Tennessee State University Profile**

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#### **History . . .**

Situated in Northeast Tennessee, East Tennessee State University is a state-supported, coeducational institution and one of the principal campuses governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents, the sixth largest higher education system in the country encompassing six universities, 13 two-year colleges, and 26 technology centers, providing programs to over 180,000 students in 90 of Tennessee's 95 counties. ETSU's main campus is in Johnson City, there is also a 100-acre extended campus in Kingsport, and the Nave Center is located in Elizabethton. Specific university courses, distance education, online programs and cohort opportunities abound in other locations throughout the region as well. Chartered in 1909 as East Tennessee State Normal School, the institution experienced several name changes before achieving university status in 1963. East Tennessee State Normal School, which opened in 1911, became East Tennessee State Teachers College in 1925; five years later, the name was changed to State Teachers College, Johnson City. Beginning in 1943, the institution was known as East Tennessee State College for 20 years. And today, ETSU is a multifaceted university offering two-year, four-year and graduate programs of study through these 11 colleges and schools: College of Arts and Sciences; College of Business and Technology; College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences; Claudius G. Clemmer College of Education; James H. Quillen College of Medicine; College of Nursing; Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy; College of Public Health; School of Continuing Studies; School of Graduate Studies; and the Honors College.

The James H. Quillen College of Medicine, one of two state-supported medical colleges in Tennessee, offers a program leading to the M.D. degree as well as accredited residency programs in family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, pathology, pediatrics, psychiatry and surgery. Accelerated residency programs in family practice and internal medicine are also offered. Created by the Tennessee legislature in 1974, the College of Medicine enrolled its first class of 24 students in 1978, awarded the first M.D. degrees four years later and as of June 2008 had awarded some 1,428 M.D. degrees. In 1988, medicine combined with the College of Nursing and former College of Public and Allied Health to form a Division of Health Sciences, which now includes the new Gatton College of Pharmacy, the new College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences, and the new College of Public Health, in addition to medicine and nursing.

#### **Student Population . . .**

ETSU has a student population of over 13,500, including undergraduate, graduate, medical students and medical residents. While the majority of students are from Tennessee and the surrounding southeastern region, typically over 40 states and over 60 foreign countries are also represented. Housing for nearly 2,500 students is available in residence halls, apartments, efficiency apartments and married student housing.

#### **Academic Overview . . .**

ETSU is committed to providing educational opportunities that will help the people of our region live better lives and make a better world. The university offers more than 100 degree programs in the arts and sciences; business and technology; education; and the health sciences, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, and allied health professions. The university affirms

the value of liberal education for all undergraduate students and places special emphasis on competence in critical thinking, mathematics, writing, oral communication, and information technology. ETSU offers masters' degrees in most liberal arts disciplines and technical and professional fields. The university awards doctoral degrees in education and in selected disciplines that reflect its health sciences mission. In addition to degree programs for residential and commuting students, ETSU offers many programs online or at sites beyond the main campus.

Community-based learning and service learning are prominent features of undergraduate and graduate education at ETSU. Academic programs including Storytelling and Bluegrass and Country Music reflect ETSU's commitment to honoring and preserving the traditions and culture of its service region. The university's Division of Health Sciences seeks to support the health and wellness of the people of Southern Appalachia, with special emphasis on meeting the needs of rural populations.

As a doctoral research-intensive university, ETSU seeks to provide an environment that encourages and enables faculty, students, and staff to produce and disseminate the highest quality scholarly and creative work. To sustain and enhance this environment, ETSU seeks to secure financial support for research and creative programs through partnerships with broader communities.

### **Athletics . . .**

ETSU currently sponsors 17 intercollegiate sports and participates at the NCAA Division I level in all sports. The University is a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference. Men's sports include: baseball, basketball, soccer, cross country, golf, tennis, and indoor and outdoor track and field. Women's sports include: basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, and volleyball.

### **Calendar . . .**

East Tennessee State University operates on a semester calendar consisting of a fall semester in which classes begin in late August and semester examinations are completed prior to the Christmas holidays; a spring semester in which classes begin in early January and semester examinations are completed during the first week of May; pre-summer, a three-week intensive study term beginning in mid-May; and two five-week summer sessions, one beginning in early June and the other beginning in mid-July.

### **The Faculty . . .**

Including the James H. Quillen College of Medicine, the University has 686 full-time faculty members. The percentage of faculty members holding terminal degrees is approximately 75%. The average class size is 20, which allows the faculty to give students individual instruction and attention and to share interests and expertise. Entering students are required to meet with faculty advisers prior to registration for classes. Advisement is conducted primarily through a one-on-one interview.

## **Support Facilities . . .**

ETSU provides a wide range of computer, network, telecommunications and software resources in support of instruction, administration and public service.

Microsoft Windows-based servers support the main ETSU campus, Bristol and Kingsport. Individual accounts for Email and Internet use are generated for all enrolled students, guaranteeing every student has the access they need to compete in an increasingly technology-oriented collegiate and research environment. Students have available to them over 1,200 Microsoft Windows Vista based workstations in 44 labs that have a common user environment. Certain labs also provide or concentrate on usage needing a Macintosh platform.

The University uses Banner from SungardHE for most administrative functions. This software runs on servers from Sun Microsystems using the Solaris operating system. Administrative functions not handled through Banner are run on a cluster of Hewlett-Packard AlphaServer computers using the OpenVMS operating system and a variety of Microsoft Windows servers from Dell, Inc. using Microsoft's Windows 2000 Server, Windows 2003 Server, and Windows 2008 operating systems. The Banner administrative systems run on Sun Microsystems servers using the Solaris operating system. Several Windows 2000 and Windows 2003 servers supplement this system. Registration for classes is now predominately done online through the ETSU GoldLink Online system. Linked with this system is a Payment Gateway server which enables students to pay tuition and fees online using a credit card or by electronic check.

The campus has benefited from an infusion of technology facilities and services from the technology access fee paid by each student. Recent improvements include the replacement of computers in student labs on a three-year cycle, upgrading the campus and dorm network, installation of wireless in the most student-populated buildings. The installation of a wireless mesh continues as does construction of multimedia classrooms.

The main computer lab is located in the D.P. Culp Center with an additional labs in Lucille Clement and Sherrod Library, as well as the Bristol and Kingsport Centers. The Culp Center and Lucille Clement computer labs are dedicated open labs and may not be scheduled for class time. In addition, there are more than 40 departmental labs spread throughout the campus that support both the standard Microsoft packages and discipline-specific software packages. Departmental labs across campus focus on teaching classes in labs so open times will vary from one departmental lab to another. These departmental labs support both the PC and Macintosh platforms.

At the heart of the campus network is a redundant high-speed and gigabit Ethernet based backbone that can accommodate voice, video and data transmission. The ETSU campus is extensively networked with over 12,000 network connections. All classrooms and offices are connected through this backbone to each other and the world through the Internet via redundant routes through State of Tennessee network, TNII (Tennessee Information Infrastructure), and MountaiNet for a total of 150 Mbps. Major buildings have redundant links to the backbone network. Students residing on campus are connected to the Internet via MountaiNet, a dedicated high-speed campus residence hall ISP. We are currently implementing a wireless LAN to be utilized by faculty, staff and students.

A total of 155 multimedia classrooms serve the students by providing high-tech but easy-to-use instructional technologies so faculty can help the students better visualize the materials being taught. Computers, a document camera, a Smart Board or SmartSymposium and a projector augment the normal audio-visual equipment in an integrated system. In addition, several multimedia classrooms also have power and network connection for each student. The number

of multimedia classrooms is expected to increase over the next few years, though the majority of classrooms on the main campus are now equipped with the multimedia equipment.

The **Sherrod Library** provides access to the major learning resources that support the University's programs of teaching and research. With a seating capacity for 1,800 readers, the library contains over half a million volumes, over one million microforms, more than 350,000 federal and state documents and maps and access to over 16,000 full text periodicals online and 425 print subscriptions. The Media Center contains the University's collection of audio-visual resources; in-house listening and viewing facilities are provided.

The **Center for Appalachian Studies and Services** documents and showcases Appalachia's past, celebrates its cultural heritage, and promotes an understanding of the influences that shape its identity. A Tennessee Distinguished Center of Excellence established in 1984, the Center focuses on regional research, study, and service, for which it has earned a national and international reputation. The Center has three divisions: the Archives of Appalachia, internationally known for its print and music collections; the B. Carroll Reece Museum, which holds significant collections in regional history and art; and the Regional Resources Institute, which administers grant projects, publishes *Now & Then* magazine, and hosts the annual Governor's School for the Scientific Exploration of Tennessee Heritage. The **Department of Appalachian Studies**, an affiliate of the Center, houses an undergraduate minor and graduate courses in Appalachian studies; the Bluegrass, Old-Time, and Country Music Program, which includes a minor; the Environmental Studies Minor; and the Appalachian, Scottish and Irish Studies Program, a travel-abroad initiative.

The **D.M. Brown Hall** science building, newly renovated **Roy S. Nicks Hall**, that houses the College of **Nursing**, Quillen College of **Medicine's Stanton-Gerber Hall**, and the colleges of **Pharmacy, Public Health** and **Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences** all offer extensive research laboratory and training facilities on the main campus and the campus of the adjacent James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Among other areas of interest are Ball Hall's **Slocumb Galleries**, which enables students and others to view works of past and contemporary artists, while allowing undergraduate and graduate art students and faculty to display their own works; **Hutcheson Hall Planetarium** and **Harry Powell Observatory**, which annually attract hundreds of visitors to campus for "Star Parties" and special programs about the heavens; Gilbreath Hall's **Bud Frank Theater**, a restored early-century theater; the new **George L. Carter Railroad Museum**; the outdoor **Amphitheater**, originally constructed by the WPA and restored to its original classic beauty; and the new **ETSU and General Shale Brick Natural History Museum and Visitor Center** at the **Gray Fossil Site**, which includes the **Don Sundquist Center of Excellence in Paleontology**.

The **D.P. Culp University Center** is a modern architecturally designed student center, conveniently located in the heart of campus. The specific purpose of the center is to serve students by providing an informal setting to enhance their educational, social and cultural interests. The Culp Center provides a wide variety of services, entertainment and social activities for the campus community.

The Culp Center houses four separate food service areas; The Marketplace, The Atrium Food Court, The Buc Mart/Quizno's, and Java City (The Cave). Also, located in the Culp Center are the campus bookstore, the post office, a theater/auditorium, a computer lab, ballroom, meeting rooms and conference facilities. During the academic year, The Culp Center operating hours are 8 a.m. – 10 p.m., Monday – Friday; and 10am – 10 pm Saturday and Sunday.

The **Campus ID System** acts as the passport to all types of benefits and services on campus. Not only does it serve as an official photo ID, it also gains the students, access to Residence

Halls, Sherrod Library, Athletic Events, some Classrooms and other campus activities. Faculty and Staff also use their ID for access to many secured facilities.

Another feature of the ID card is an on campus debit account (ID BUC\$). ID BUC\$ works much like a checking account. As the debit card is used, the amount spent is deducted from the account. This option gives account holders a safe, fast convenient alternative to carrying cash every day at no cost. The debit card may be used at the Cave Coffee Shop, Buc Mart, Atrium Food Court, Main Meal Cafeteria, Quizno's, CPA Juice Bar, Tree House Snack Bar, University Bookstore, University Press Copy Convenience Center, laundry facilities (residence halls), Bursar's Office (tuition, lab cards, housing, parking fees, phone bills, etc.), Health Clinic, Library and vending machines across campus. To obtain an ID card or make a deposit to the ID BUC\$ account, please come by the ID Services Office located on the second floor of the D.P. Culp Center, or go to the web site at <http://www.etsu.edu/id>. For more information, call (423) 439-8316.

The **Office of Community Engagement, Learning and Leadership (CELL)** is a program area in the Division of Student Affairs dedicated to leadership and service-learning initiatives designed to help students grow as citizen-leaders of our communities. The staff work with faculty to design special learning opportunities, grow community partnerships, establish student internships in service and leadership, teach leadership seminars and courses, establish learning communities for students with common interests, and provide staff development opportunities for the Division of Student Affairs. The CELL houses staff offices, library resources for service-learning, civic engagement, and leadership programs, a training room specifically for hosting student seminars, and serves as home to the following programs:

America Reads – a tutoring partnership in literacy with local schools

Office of Service-Learning – the campus-wide initiative to connect service opportunities with academic study

Interdisciplinary Minor in Leadership Studies – a 21-credit, academic minor in leadership, first in the state.

Leadership House – a living-learning community supporting students' development as servant leaders

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People is one of many nationally known leadership curricula taught through the CELL. Most programs are open to faculty, staff and students. A work study student leadership education initiative is one of the first in the country to focus on leadership development for such a broad base of students. Employing offices commit to support training for work study students comparable to the leadership training offered by corporate America (7 Habits, Strengths Quest, FISH, Leadership Plenty.)

This is the first such comprehensive leadership education initiative of its kind in the Tennessee Board of Regents or University of Tennessee higher education systems. The Center is located on the first floor of the Culp Center. Please contact Dr. Deborah Harley, Assistant Vice President for Community Engagement, Learning and Leadership at 423 439-5675 or [cellinfo@etsu.edu](mailto:cellinfo@etsu.edu) for more information.

The **Student Organization Resource Center (SORC)** is the place to help students find their place in one of our many registered student organizations, to provide training and informational opportunities, and to provide support to our student organizations. The mission of the SORC is to:

- Enhance communication between student organizations and university staff

- Improve collaboration and synergy between organizations and administrators in order to form partnerships and offer higher quality and better attended programs
- Strengthen communication, leadership, and organization skills for members of student organizations
- Increase respect for the diversity of people and ideas at ETSU
- Enhance visibility for student groups, their needs and their programs
- Increase awareness of the range of student organizations, activities and available resources for all students

The SORC is located on the lowest level of the D.P. Culp Center, near the Auditorium. The SORC is home to the following student organization offices: Student Government Association, Residence Hall Association, Fraternities, Sororities, Buctainment, Volunteer ETSU, and Multicultural Student Associations. For more information go to the website at [www.etsu.edu/students/sorc/](http://www.etsu.edu/students/sorc/) or phone the office at 423.439.6633.

The **Office of Adult, Commuter and Transfer Services (ACTS)** assists prospective adult and transfer students with the enrollment process, assists newly admitted transfer students with the transfer process, and provides current students with the resources needed to ensure their academic retention and success. Prior to each fall semester, ACTS conducts a special program for incoming adult and transfer students. "**Campus Tours and Highlights**" consists of individualized tours of classroom locations, as well as special seminars highlighting the key features and services of D2L, Goldmail, the library, post office, and computer labs to name a few. This program serves to facilitate the transition of these students into the academic environment of ETSU. "**Email Mentoring**" is yet another way ACTS reaches out to incoming adult and transfer students. Using peer mentors from the ETSU Chapter (Zeta Tau) of the national adult student honor society Alpha Sigma Lambda, incoming students are given monitored and consistent feedback and support throughout their early semesters at ETSU. The **TransferTracs** newsletter connects new transfer students with campus resources and events. In addition to other services ACTS advises two adult student organizations: **Alpha Sigma Lambda** Adult Honor Society and **The NET**. The NET (The Adult, Commuter & Transfer Services Adult Leadership Network) is the social/leadership/service organization for adult students on the ETSU Campus. It is an internet based information clearinghouse and communication network for adult students' needs, interests, and concerns. This organization is an avenue for engaging in leadership training opportunities, discussion groups and meetings, community activities, as well as social events for adult students and their family members. The NET is a new vision in adult student leadership and involvement on the ETSU campus. Last but not least, the ACTS office also serves to address the needs of those students who regularly commute to ETSU. By visiting the ACTS office, commuter students can acquire carpool and/or Rideshare applications, maps of the campus, off-campus housing lists, shuttle and city bus schedules, as well as receive information on childcare services in and around the area and special events accentuating commuter services at ETSU. These are just a few of the services and opportunities available through Adult, Commuter and Transfer Services at ETSU.

The **Department of Campus Recreation** is responsible for providing the entire ETSU community with recreational facilities, programs and services. All activities are open to ETSU students, faculty and staff persons, plus in selected instances, their families. There are five types of programs: fitness, intramurals, non-credit instruction, outdoor-adventure and sports clubs. During the spring semester 2002, Campus Recreation moved to its new Center for Physical Activity – a state-of-the-art indoor and outdoor recreational sports complex funded with student fee dollars. Indoor space includes an aerobics/martial arts studio, child care room, climbing wall,

gymnasium floor (with soccer court), huge weight room, indoor track, personal training suite, pool, seminar rooms and a host of other areas. Outside the CPA are two lighted ball fields for intramurals and sports clubs. Also adjacent to the building is the Basler Challenge Course – one of the region's most complete high and low element adventure education facilities. Programs range from climbing instruction to self-esteem enhancement to team building. The sixth class of Roan Scholars completed their wilderness experience in August 2008. Campus Recreation employs over 200 student workers and averages a weekday usage of 2,000 persons.

**Career and Internship Services** (423) 439-4450 - provides career counseling and individual advisement on finding job or internship opportunities. Internships, available in most disciplines, offer an opportunity to earn academic credit for approved work experiences in business, industry, government, and health agencies. The office maintains an employer generated job list and search service through BuLink at [www.etsu.edu/careers](http://www.etsu.edu/careers). All students, and alumni in a job search, are encouraged to register with BuLink and visit the CIS office for help with resumes, effective job search techniques, preparing for interviews, or other career-related assistance. Numerous class presentations, on-campus interviews, career fairs and special programs are scheduled throughout the year.

The **Office of Student Publications** houses the *East Tennessean*, the student-run newspaper which is published twice weekly during the academic year. The mission of Student Publications, through the student newspaper, is to provide education and training for students who are preparing for careers in journalism and the publishing industry, to provide a forum for students, faculty and staff to express their views, and to disseminate information to the university community. A staff of approximately 20-30 students is responsible for generating the editorial and advertising content of the *East Tennessean*, which has a circulation of 6,000 copies. Students write and edit stories, take photographs, sell and design ads, design and layout the paper, operate the Web site ([www.easttennessean.com](http://www.easttennessean.com)), and deliver the paper. The paper is distributed to approximately 30 locations on the main campus and the VA campus in Johnson City, and at ETSU's satellite campuses in Kingsport, Bristol and Elizabethton. The newspaper is funded by student activity fees and advertising revenue.

### **Beyond the Campus Setting . . .**

ETSU is a founding member of the **Southeastern Association for Research in Astronomy (SARA)**, a consortium of ten universities that operates a 0.9-m telescope at Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona. Astronomers at the ten participating universities have retrofitted the 1950s vintage telescope with remote controls that allow them to use it from their local campuses, providing an unprecedented means for state-of-the-art research and instruction. Other members of the consortium include the Florida Institute of Technology, Valdosta State University, Florida International University, Ball State University, Agnes Scott College, University of Alabama, Valparaiso University, and Butler University.

**International Programs and Services** encourages and facilitates ETSU students' participation in study abroad programs, promotes matriculation and support services for international students, and facilitates exchange of faculty and research scholars. The office coordinates bilateral exchange agreements, the ISEP (International Student Exchange Program) consortium, and the National Student Exchange program (NSE). These programs allow ETSU students to study either abroad or at another institution in the United States at a cost comparable to that of attending ETSU. The Director of International Programs and Services also serves as the advisor for the Fulbright student program.

The University's **Cooperative Education Program** gives students in most major fields of study an opportunity to alternate work periods and classes on a semester-in/semester-out system.

Through cooperative education, in addition to gaining valuable work experience and employment connections, students may help to finance educational costs and earn college credit.

The University has cross-enrollment agreements, available to full-time ETSU students, with nearby Milligan College and Emmanuel School of Religion. The University is also a participant in the Southern Regional Education Board's Academic Common Market.

### **Requirements for Admission . . .**

Students seeking admission as first-time freshmen must present a minimum composite ACT score of 19 or a comparable SAT combined score or must earn a minimum high school GPA of 2.3 (on a 4.0 scale). Tennesseans who graduate from public high schools must successfully complete the Tennessee Competency Test. Placement in developmental courses is required for entering freshmen based upon ACT or SAT results. Freshman applicants must meet specific high school course requirements, including 4 units of English, 1 unit of visual and/or performing arts, 2 units of algebra I and II, 1 unit of geometry, 2 units of natural/physical sciences, 1 unit of social studies, 1 unit of U.S. history and 2 units of a single foreign language. Transfer applicants must offer satisfactory academic records from degree granting institutions. Transfer admission requirements are consistent with the University's retention standards.

### **Financial Aid and Scholarship Information . . .**

Over 87 percent of the University's students receive federal, state or private sources of financial aid. Four general types of assistance are available: scholarships, grants, student employment and loan programs. Students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) electronically at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. A FAFSA practice sheet is available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>, at high school guidance offices and college financial aid offices. Additional information is available at our financial aid website, <http://www.etsu.edu/finaid>. The FAFSA must be completed each year, as soon after January 1 as possible, using accurate tax and/or income information from the previous year. ETSU's priority date for completion of the financial aid file is April 15. Delay in FAFSA submission and/or providing documents requested by the Office of Financial Aid will result in a delay in the student's receipt of financial aid funding. The University's Office of Financial Aid can be contacted directly at 423-439-4300; 800-704-ETSU (3878); or via e-mail at [finaid@etsu.edu](mailto:finaid@etsu.edu).

Scholarships are available to both undergraduate and graduate students. Students must submit an application for most scholarships. Applications, qualification criteria and deadline information are available on the Scholarship Office website: <http://www.etsu.edu/Scholarships>. Students may also call (423) 439-7094 for scholarship information.

### **About the Johnson City Area . . .**

Johnson City, Kingsport and Bristol are part of the Tri-Cities Tennessee/Virginia region -- the nation's first "All America City" region with a population exceeding 483,000. Counties in ETSU's service area consist of Carter, Cocke, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington in Tennessee, as well as Lee, Scott and Washington in Virginia, and Ashe, Avery, Haywood, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey in North Carolina. Johnson City, a progressive city with a population of 60,000, is located near the state lines of Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Recreational opportunities abound in this mountain and lake region, including boating, skiing (snow and water), golfing,



white water rafting, fishing, jogging, climbing and hiking. Interstate highways 26 and 81 provide immediate access to the area as does the Tri-Cities Regional Airport.

### **The University Complex . . .**

ETSU's main campus in Johnson City consists of over 350 acres and 63 academic and administrative buildings including the \$28 million Sherrod Library, the Harry D. Powell Astronomy Observatory, and the new 540-plus student residential complex, Governors Hall, opened in 2007. The multi-million dollar Wayne G. Basler Center for Physical Activity promotes campus-wide wellness with such indoor amenities as a 15,000-square-foot weight room, aerobics/martial arts studio, climbing wall, basketball courts, racquetball/squash courts, elevated walking/jogging track, snack bar, swimming pool, equipment rentals, child care facility and much more. The university's Scott M. Niswonger Digital Media Center in nearby Millennium Park, houses the noted three-dimensional design graphics/computer animation digital media program known throughout the electronic game and film industries.

The ETSU Innovation Laboratory on West Market Street incorporates a business incubator for biotechnology and entrepreneurship, and is the home of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center under the auspices of the College of Business and Technology (CBAT). The Holston Business Development Center (HBDC) in Kingsport is also affiliated with CBAT. The ETSU Research Foundation (ETSURF) administers the facility with assistance from an advisory board. ETSU was the first public institution in the state to create its own research foundation, a not-for-profit corporation established as a legal entity for administering contracts, intellectual property, real property used for research and development and other financial matters involving ETSU research.

Adjacent to the main campus is the 247-acre James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Mountain Home, the 75-acre Johnson City Medical Center complex and Woodridge Hospital, consisting of five acres. On the VA grounds, ETSU conducts its medical, pharmacy, physical therapy and related programs using various facilities available in a number of renovated buildings, including the main VA hospital complex. ETSU's \$36 million basic sciences building, Stanton-Gerber Hall, is a state-federal medical construction partnership on the VA campus.

ETSU's Palma L. Robinson Clinical Education Center is located nearby on seven acres along State of Franklin Road. This \$6 million, 67,755-square-foot ambulatory care facility houses numerous examination and special diagnostic rooms as the center provides outpatient services in surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, ophthalmology, internal medicine, psychiatry and pediatrics. Faculty from all units of the Division of Health Sciences are involved in teaching and training at the center, which also offers consultation rooms, conference rooms and a large classroom.

The University has a campus in Kingsport and a location in Elizabethton, with courses offered in Bristol and Greeneville. The new **ETSU and General Shale Brick Natural History Museum and Visitor Center at the Gray Fossil Site**, located just 1.8 miles from the Interstate-26 Exit 13, sits on the richest Miocene-Epoch site in the nation and hosted over 100,000 visitors in its first year of operation.

**ETSU at Kingsport**, at 1501 University Boulevard, is the university's extended campus that has served the Kingsport area for over 50 years. It offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate classes each semester, and students may complete bachelor's degrees in General Studies or Management, a master's degree in Business Administration and rotating graduate cohorts. Courses are offered during days, evenings, and weekends, as well as on-line. The most recent addition – a pre-professional program – allows students pursuing studies in Pre-

Pharmacy, Pre-Medicine, Pre-Dentistry, Pre-Optometry, Pre-Veterinary, and Scientific Research to complete their first two years in Kingsport. Located on 100 acres near Allandale Mansion, ETSU at Kingsport's McCune-Welch Hall includes a full-service library; computer, chemistry and biology labs; an exercise room; student center; bookstore; and distance education classrooms. Student services include academic advisement; financial aid and career counseling; tutoring; and registration and fee payment. Services are provided at convenient times for both traditional and nontraditional students.

Although **ETSU at Bristol** was slated to close in December 2008, due to state budget reductions, courses will continue to be offered in the Bristol community as well as online and through cohort opportunities and distance education.

Working cooperatively with Walters State Community College (WSCC), **ETSU at Greeneville** offers junior, senior and graduate level courses from selected academic disciplines to the residents of the Greeneville area each semester. Day and evening courses are delivered through ETSU's distance education program as well as cohort opportunities. Located at the Greeneville-Greene County Center for Higher Education at 215 North College Street, this site represents sharing of facilities and enhanced access to advanced education and lifelong learning. ETSU and WSCC have an articulation agreement that improves student transfer between the two entities.

Through Instructional TV (ITV) classrooms at WSCC in **Morristown** and **Sevierville**, ETSU offers the Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) degree. ETSU also offers the last two years of teacher education in Morristown. Other cohorts are offered in the Sevierville area as well.

And, degrees in business, technology and interior design are among those provided by ETSU at the Pellissippi State Technical Community College (PSTCC) campus in **Knoxville/Oak Ridge**.

The **Marshall T. Nave Center** in Elizabethton houses ETSU's programs in the health related professions, including cardiopulmonary science and radiography.

In addition to its large outpatient specialty groups, ETSU Physicians and Associates and the Department of Family Medicine, ETSU benefits from strong affiliations with numerous hospitals in the region, including those within Mountain States Health Alliance (MSHA) and Wellmont Health Systems, as well as the James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

## **Alumni . . .**

More than 77,000 people have graduated from ETSU since 1911. Many recipients of undergraduate degrees return to pursue graduate studies. Some 44,000 of ETSU's alumni reside within a 100-mile radius of the university while over 43,000 live in the State of Tennessee alone. The overall alumni gender breakout is 47% male, 53% female.

## **Cultural Diversity . . .**

The guiding principle in all we do and say at East Tennessee State University must be respect for the individual. Through our teaching, research and public service, we must affirm the fundamental human values of courage, honor, pride, compassion, tolerance and understanding. These values transcend time and place. They transcend technology. They rise above educational trends. They are the enduring principles that must be observed in order for the human race to flourish.

ETSU commits itself to creating and perpetuating an environment in which diversity of people and thought is respected. We embrace the belief that differences should be celebrated and we believe that intolerance poses the single most dangerous threat to the continued existence of the race.

Our aspiration is to create a university that fully appreciates the culture and the history of its surrounding region while it seeks to understand and accept the practices, beliefs and customs of the greater global community.

It is ETSU's role not only to teach and to train but to inspire those among us as we build on our individual differences to achieve a common appreciation of our humanity.