

I. Program of Study

The Translational Neuroscience and Pharmacology (TNP) concentration offers a Doctoral (PhD) degree in Biomedical Sciences. At the time of admission into the PhD program, all students are subject to the requirements listed in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Student Handbook (Code of Professional and Academic Conduct), the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Catalog, as well as the guidelines given below.

II. Program

A. Prerequisites for Admission into the TNP Concentration:

- All students admitted into the GSBS PhD program are considered "Undeclared" and are required to take all the GSBS Core Curriculum courses in the Fall and complete all

- The graduate advisor will meet with all TNP students once a year to monitor student progress and identify any problems within the concentration.
- Student committee meetings are mandatory and will be required at least once a year, without excuse. Scheduling is the responsibility of the student and the mentor.
- Committee meeting minutes will be detailed. Minutes will specifically note any problems and demands made by the committee and/or mentor along with a plan for addressing these issues. Minutes must be filed with both the GSBS office and TNP Department. Problems with students or their progress are expected to be documented in detail in the committee meeting minutes. Problems that cannot be resolved by the student, mentor and committee, will be resolved by a special meeting between the student, mentor, committee, graduate advisor and department chair.

D. Assessment Student Progress

- The student's mentor and advisory committee are responsible for overseeing the student's progress. They will make the most substantive contributions to, and the most important decisions regarding the student's academic career. The committee membership must include at least three TNP members and two members of other concentrations, or qualified individuals from TTU. Faculty members at other institutions may be members with the permission of both the mentor and the graduate advisor.
- Every year the student and their mentor(s) will meet with the GSBS Student Affairs Advocate to discuss student status and to address any questions or concerns the student may have.

E. Qualifying Exam

For the details of the Qualifying Exam, please see the GSBS Course Catalog (located under Doctoral Degree section; on page 23 of the Full Catalog PDF version) <https://app4.ttuhsct.edu/CourseCatalog/default/GradSchool-of-Biomedical-Sciences/2020%202021/GeneralPolicies>

- The purpose of the Qualifying Examination is to ensure that students have mastered the fundamentals in a major area of interest, and they are adequately prepared to begin working full-time on doctoral research. The following policies and procedures apply to ALL current Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. students, regardless of which concentration they have chosen.
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