



The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Graduate Health Sciences College Policies

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Purpose

Graduation is a way to celebrate educational success and recognize excellence. This policy defines the requirement for students to attend the ceremony.

Policy Details

A student who successfully defends and submits their final thesis, project, or dissertation by noon May 1 (or the next business day if May 1 falls on a weekend or holiday) will participate in the May graduation ceremony and receive their diploma at that time. Students who successfully defend and submit their final thesis or dissertation by noon November 1 (or the next business day if November 1 falls on a weekend or holiday) will participate in the December graduation ceremony and receive their diploma at that time.

Participation in graduation is mandatory. Those students unable to attend graduation must petition the Dean in writing to receive their degree in absentia.

Policy Scope

Applies to all graduating students.

Related Policies

Degree Completion

Document History

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