Information & Membership Application Graduate Student

Philosophy and Purpose

I. Philosophy of Membership Eligibility

Philosophy of membership eligibility is consistent with the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau. Awarding membership encourages, fosters and actively supports further professional development, thus promoting nursing scholarship, leadership, research, creativity, and commitment to nursing, fulfilling the purposes of the honor society.

The honor society endeavors to seek out and recognize all students in baccalaureate or higher degree nursing programs who have demonstrated ability in nursing as evidenced by superior academic achievement. Personal achievement of the purposes of this society is a developmental process; therefore, individuals who do not meet the eligibility requirements as undergraduate students may emerge to meet the requirements later in their graduate program or professional careers as community nurse leaders. The growth of the society and its continued support of the purposes are reflected through the membership selection process.

II. Purpose of the Honor Society

A. Recognize superior achievement and scholarship
B. Recognize the development of leadership qualities
C. Foster high professional standards
D. Encourage creative work
E. Strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession.

(*Extracted and reviewed 9/26/11 from www.
http://www.nursingsociety.org/Membership/ApplyNow/Pages/mem_criteria.aspx)
Candidates shall have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement, evidence of professional leadership potential and/or marked achievement in the field of nursing.

Candidates shall be elected from students, 1) enrolled in baccalaureate and masters programs which have been accredited by the nationally recognized accrediting body for professional nursing, 2) post-master, doctoral and post-doctoral nursing programs, 3) outstanding community nursing leaders.

In the basic programs students shall have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale or its equivalent. Basic students who are elected shall rank not lower than the highest 35% of their class in scholarship.

Candidates of graduate study are eligible for membership if they have achieved a grade-point average significantly higher than the minimum requirement for graduation (3.5).

A community nurse leader, with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree, who has demonstrated marked achievement in nursing education, practice, research of publication shall be eligible for membership.

All candidates are required to be present at the induction ceremony to be inducted.

Candidates shall be considered without regard to race, age, sex, creed, or color.

Candidates shall pay all Honor Society fees before admission to membership. After your application is accepted you will receive a form to complete and send in along with dues. There are both (1.) National dues and (2.) Local dues.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete application form; obtain two letters of endorsement, and official transcription of your grades sent from the Registrar directly to the Nursing Office.

For consideration all materials must be in the Nursing Office by the February 15th deadline.

Students who meet the application criteria will be invited to join the Pi Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.

NOTE: You will be notified in March of your eligibility by letter and email and invited to join the International Organization of Sigma Theta Tau. You must respond to the email, by joining and paying dues and induction fee in order to be inducted.
Membership Intent Form
Pi Epsilon-at-Large Nursing Honor Society

GRADUATE STUDENT
(Masters or Doctoral)

CRITERIA: Each graduate (masters or doctoral) candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the graduate category of membership. Masters and doctoral students are required to have completed 1/4 of the program of study and have a grade average significantly higher than the minimum grade average for graduation, and meet the expectation of academic integrity.

Name: __________________________________________
(Last) __________________________ (First) ______________________ (Middle initial) ______________

Present Address: ____________________________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________ E-mail Address: _____________________

Permanent Address: _________________________________________________________

Graduate Nursing Courses completed:

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I grant access to my academic record to the Pi Epsilon at Large Nursing Honor Society Eligibility Committee chairperson for consideration of my membership application to the honor society.

_________________________________________ ________________________________
Student’s Signature _________________ Date __________________________

Please submit this form and:

1. Membership Vitae
2. A transcript of credits/grades
3. Two letters of endorsement (At least one of the two endorsements is required to be from a member of the nursing faculty.)
Membership Vitae

Name: _______________________________________________________________________
   (Last)   (First)   (Middle Initial)

Schools Attended:          Degree          Year

Work Experience (Past 10 Years):

Professional Memberships:

Recent Research, Publications:

Scholarly Activities

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(Please feel free to use extra pages to complete Membership Vitae.)
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Pi Epsilon-at-Large Nursing Honor Society

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_____________________________________ is applying for membership in the _______________________________________ Nursing Honor Society

On the basis of this individual’s achievement and my knowledge of the purposes of the honor society, I heartily endorse this individual for membership in the nursing honor society.

Signature __________________________________________ Date ___________________

Position ________________________________________________________________

Relationship to Applicant _____________________________________________________

Are you a member of Sigma Theta Tau International? Yes __________ No___________

If yes, please indicate the chapter ______________________________________________

Comments: (if desired) _______________________________________________________
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