**Information & Membership Application Form - Undergraduate 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.

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.

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.
CRITERIA: Each undergraduate candidate for membership is required to meet the criteria for the undergraduate category of membership. Undergraduate students are required to have completed ½ of the nursing curriculum, have at least a 3.0 on a four-point scale; rank in the upper 35% of the graduating class, and meet the expectations of academic integrity.

Name: ________________________________________________________________________ (Last) (First) (Middle initial)

Present Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ___________________ E-mail Address: ____________________________

Permanent Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Present Level in Nursing Program: ___________ ___________ Junior Senior

Undergraduate Nursing Courses completed:

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Under the provisions of the “Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974,” I grant access to my academic record to Pi Epsilon at Large Chapter Nursing Honor Society Eligibility Committee Chairperson for consideration of my membership application to Sigma Theta Tau International.

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Student’s Signature                              Date

Please submit this form and:
1. A transcript of credits/grades
2. Two letters of endorsement

At least one of the two endorsements is required to be from a member of the nursing faculty.
Endorsement for Membership
Pi Epsilon-at-Large Nursing Honor Society

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

DEFINITION: An endorsement is a letter supporting an individual for membership* in the nursing honor society. Two endorsements per individual are necessary in order for an application to be considered by the Honor Society Eligibility Committee. At least one of the two endorsements is required to be from a member of the nursing faculty.

This endorsement enables the candidate to be considered for membership. The Eligibility Committee of the honor society invites your letter of endorsement supporting the following individual for membership:

_________________________ 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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