



Sigma Theta Tau
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THE DELTA REPORT
DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER



Winter 2007

Editor Barb Brunt

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Joseph Foley, RN

Dear Colleagues and friends,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2007! Traditionally, this is a time for reflection and renewal. We glance back critically, at the past year, our achievements and accomplishments and look ahead to work that needs to be done to attain our goals; to start that new project or to finish what we started. Our ultimate end is to do better than last year.

As I reflect, I am pleased at the achievements of Delta Omega! We have exceeded our plans for programming and have increased the number our co-sponsored events. We are blessed with an abundance of nursing experts and have had to make difficult choices to limit the programs because to include everyone would be overwhelming. As always, we remain dedicated to excellence in programming. Our upcoming Winter program is a co-sponsored event which will prove to be an outstanding event; you all should have received announcements by email, or see the announcement in the newsletter. The cost of bulk mailing of tri-fold flyers is prohibitive and the board is examining alternate ways of events communication. We are always seeking and open to new ideas. Delta Omega continues to support research and research dissemination through monetary grants and awards to all members of the nursing community, not just chapter members. Refer to the website for upcoming deadlines for grant request submissions. We also continue to support the University of Akron College of Nursing Cameos of Caring program which honors area nurses for excellence in nursing. Congratulations to all the winners!



I am indebted to each and every board member for their hard work and involvement in the chapter proceedings. Each person adds a different and diverse experience and expertise. I am always amazed (not to mention a little exhausted) at the energy and ideas generated in the board meetings. As always, I am asking for your participation, at any level possible, so that we continue to meet the needs of “you”, our chapter. It is astonishing, the “ripple effect” of participation: we had a participant in our Christmas gift-wrapping session at Open-M, Sally Hartline, who has applied for membership as a community leader. Did I say AMAZING?!

The board continues to examine the “silo” concept of organization of chapter activities. There are three very familiar categories that we will focus on: academic/research, practice/clinical, and community service/involvement, with the ultimate goal of increasing participation based on individual strengths and interests. As I have mention before, we are not just a research organization any more, but we need everyone’s involvement and participation to make this concept a reality. “Resolve” to contact a board member or myself at anytime: jfoley@chmca.org or 330-896-3243.

“There’s something for everyone....what’s in it for you?!”

Happy New Year!
Sincerely,
Joe

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Spring Induction Ceremony April 1, 2007

The Spring Induction for Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau will be on Sunday April 1, 2007 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Student Union. Invitations for potential members have gone out and completion of all the components of the induction process is done online. The Delta Omega Awards will also be presented at the Induction Ceremony – please mark you calendar and plan to join us for this special event.

Member News

We are proud of our distinguished membership, delighted to hear about our members' achievements, appointments and awards, and pleased to announce your endeavors in the *Delta Report*. Please use this form to notify us of your accomplishments. Thank you!

Name: _____ Credentials: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

News: _____

Return completed form to:

The Delta Report, The University of Akron, College of Nursing, Akron, Ohio 44325-3701, fax to 330.972.5737, Attn: T. Epner or email to: bruntb@summa-health.org

DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS & CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All members are welcome to attend the Executive Board meetings for Delta Omega Chapter, and/or contact members and request that items be added to the agenda. The following is a list of scheduled Board meetings. All regular meetings will be held at 5:30 pm in Mary Gladwin Hall, 101-F, The University of Akron, College of Nursing unless otherwise noted.

Date	Event	Location
Jan. 15, 2007 5:30 PM	Research Grants and Spring Submission Deadline	
Jan. 22, 2007 5:30 PM	Board Meeting	College of Nursing, MGH 101F
February 8, 2007	Winter Program	Ursuline College
Feb. 26, 2007 5:30 PM	Board Meeting	College of Nursing, MGH 101F
March 26, 2007 5:30PM	Board Meeting	College of Nursing, MGH 101F

April 1, 2007 2 PM	Induction of New Members/ Awards	University of Akron Student Union
April 23, 2007 5:30 PM	Board Meeting	College of Nursing, MGH 101F
May, 2007	Spring Program & Business Dinner Meeting Installation of New Officers	TBA
June, 2007	Transition Meeting	
July 15, 2007	Research Grants Deadline	

*For further information, please contact Allison Scott, Administrative Assistant.

Mail can be sent to Delta Omega Chapter Officers or Chairmen of Committees c/o Allison at: The University of Akron, 101 Mary Gladwin Hall, Akron, OH 44325-3701.

SIGMA THETA TAU, INTERNATIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Phone numbers 1.888.634.7575 – United States;
1.800.634.7575 – International' FAX 1.317.634.8188
Website: www.nursingsociety.org;
email: stti@stti.iupui.edu

Delta Omega Chapter CONTACT INFORMATION:

Website and email:
Website: <http://www2.uakron.edu/deltaomega/>

Volunteer Needed to Help with Newsletter

Do you want to get more involved in chapter activities, but you don't have a lot of time to devote to this? Do you enjoy writing and collating information? We are looking for someone to assist with the newsletter. This is a great way to get involved, and it doesn't require a lot of time. There are 3 newsletters a year, and we have reporters from the area institutions who submit information for the newsletter. I will continue as co-editor for a while longer, to help someone else get comfortable with this role. With co-editors the work is split up, and on one has to spend a lot of time on this. Allison Scott, our Administrative Assistant, does all the formatting and puts it on the web site.

Anyone who is interested in this role or would like more information can call be at (330) 375-3075 or email be at bruntb@summa-health.org.

DELTA OMEGA INTERN PROGRAM

Do you want to become more active in the Delta Omega Chapter leadership but don't know where to begin? Are you a new member ready to test your skills as a leader? Then you should consider applying for the intern program designed to prepare members of Delta Omega Chapter for leadership roles in nursing and health organizations as well as for leadership at local, regional, and national levels of Sigma Theta Tau International.

There are opportunities for an intern to serve as co-editor of the newsletter, or in other leadership positions in the chapter. The program provides opportunity for a Delta Omega member to further skills and networking. Interns will participate in the following activities:

1. Serve as co-editor of the newsletter or co-chair of one chapter committee
2. Attend chapter Board of Director meetings
3. Attend local, regional, and/or national meetings as feasible
4. Work on a specific project with chapter officers (project determined collaboratively by the Board of Directors and the intern)



To be eligible, a candidate must have active membership in Sigma Theta Tau International and possess the potential for and willingness to serve as a leader within the chapter. Anyone interested in being an intern for the newsletter should contact Joe Foley at (330)543-8953 or at jfoley@chmca.org.

News from Summa Health System Reporter: Barb Brunt

Cathy Koppelman, MSN, RN, Vice President of Patient Care Services left Summa on January 12th for a position as Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at University Hospitals Health System in Cleveland. Jane Soposky, MSN, RN, CNAA-BC has been appointed Interim Vice President of Patient Care Services; a national search is being conducted for this position.

Barbara Brunt, MA, MN, RN, BC, Director of Nursing Education and Staff Development, wrote a book *Competencies for Staff Educators: Tools to Evaluate and Enhance Nursing Professional Development*, which was published by HCPro.

Bernie Martin, MSN, RN, Dr. William Fallon, P. Patrick, PhD, Linda Breedlove, MBA, RN and Dr. Duane Donovan presented a paper on “Autopsy Data in the Peer Review Process Improves Outcome Analysis” at the meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma in New Orleans in September. They also had an article on this topic that was published in the *Journal of Trauma Injury, Infection, and Critical Care*.

Lorraine Fields, MSN, RN, CNS and Patricia Wells, RN had a poster presentation on “Oral Care Assessment and Tooth Brushing Intervention to prevent VAP” at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Conference in Orlando, Florida in December.

Kimberly Moeller, BSN, RN, OCN, C Began, S, Murvine, Eileen Fleming, MSN, RN, and Denise Kropp had a poster presentation on “Does the Patient’s Perception of Anger and Anxiety Decrease with the use of the SereneView® Scenic Curtain during Out-Patient Chemotherapy Treatment?” at the Annual Midwest Oncology Symposium in West LaFayette, Indiana in October.

News from Robinson Memorial Hospital Submitted by Jan Bahle

Robinson Memorial Hospital was awarded Magnet status on October 13, 2006 by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Robinson is the only hospital in Portage, Summit or Medina Counties to have achieved this status. “Without question this is one of the most significant awards that the hospital has received in its history,” said Stephen Colecchi, President and CEO. “I congratulate and thank the nursing leadership and the staff who played a role in attaining this honor.”

At present there are only 215 Magnet hospitals in the entire country, and Robinson Memorial Hospital is one of the few independent community hospitals to have received recognition under the Magnet Recognition Program. The Magnet Recognition Program requires hospitals to attain standards of excellence in all aspects of patient care. Magnet status recognizes the high caliber of Robinson Memorial’s nursing staff and all of the other departments that provide and support the delivery of services to our patients.

“I’m very proud to have facilitated this project for the hospital,” said Christine Hawkins, RN, Director of Nursing Practice. “There was never a doubt in my mind that Robinson is truly a Magnet facility. The entire nursing staff and all hospital employees supported our achievement of Magnet status, which is one of the most significant achievements a hospital can attain.” “I’m delighted to be a part of this journey for nursing excellence that represents the care delivery at Robinson Memorial Hospital,” said Deborah Small, RN, Vice President, Patient Care Services. “Attaining magnet status is well deserved by our team. This dedication to excellence can be seen in every staff member at Robinson.”

Magnet status recognizes the professionalism of the nursing staff which translates to excellent patient care and teamwork, Small explained. “It means you’re always in pursuit of excellence.”

Robinson also was recognized for the fourth year in a row as one of the best places to work in Northeast Ohio by the Employer’s Resource Council. “Being named both a Magnet and NorthCoast 99 hospital clearly demonstrates the excellent job that all of our employees do each and every day to meet the needs of our patients and to make Robinson Memorial a great place to work,” Colecchi said.

**News from Barberton Citizens Hospital
Submitted by Cheryl Ozmore**

**ADVANCEMENT TO NURSING PROGRAM
NAMED AS A WINNER OF THE NATIONAL
EXEMPLARY WORKSITE LEARNING
AWARD**

BARBERTON, OH - The Advancement to Nursing College Tech Prep program at Barberton High School, sponsored in part by Barberton Citizens Hospital, was recently named as one of three winners of the National Exemplary Worksite Learning Award. This program began two years ago and is the first of its kind in Ohio. Currently, ten students have graduated from this program, 9 are pursuing nursing degrees at area colleges and one is presently employed at Barberton Citizens Hospital as a Nursing Assistant.

The students come to Barberton Citizens Hospital exclusively for their clinical experience. The program instructor, Cindy Boswell, RN, BSN, the clinical department managers and the nursing managers at the Hospital have contributed greatly to the success of the program by providing educational opportunities and administrative support.

The Advancement to Nursing College Tech program and its partners, Barberton City Schools, Barberton Citizens Hospital, The University of Akron, Akron Area Tech Prep Consortium and Four Cities Educational Compact provided a featured presentation at the National Tech prep Network conference in Dallas in November of 2006.

SAVE THE DATE

The 39th Biennial Stti Convention “Vision to Action: Global Health Through Collaboration” will be in Baltimore, MD from November 2-7, 2007.

Member News

Yvonne Smith, MSN, RN, CNS recently was appointed to Assistant Dean for Nursing Operations at Kent State University College of Nursing. In this role she will be responsible for the daily operations of the college, as well as accreditation and regulatory processes. Prior to accepting this position, Yvonne was a faculty member who coordinated the RN Completion programs within the College of Nursing.

Yvonne maintains active membership in the Ohio Nurses Association, Stark Carroll District Nurses Association, American Holistic Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Omega Chapter. From 2001 to 2005, Yvonne served on the Ohio Board of Nursing. During 2 years of the 5 year term, she served as president of the board.

WE ARE UPDATING OUR RECORDS!

Please notify Allison Scott via email at ascott@chmca.org for the following:

- *Any member that moves, or changes their address, or knows of someone who has moved or changed their address.
- *Any member who knows of another member who has been deceased.
- *Any member that has moved into our area and wishes to transfer their membership to Delta Omega.
- *Any member that knows of an inactive member who wishes to become active.

If any active member has a friend or knows of someone who is inactive, please encourage them to rejoin. We would like to keep our membership growing!

Nurses Remain at Top of Ethics Poll

Submitted by Barb Brunt

Someone seeking a job that commands high respect need look no further than nursing. For the eighth year in a row, nurses topped Gallup's annual list of occupations rated for their honesty and ethical standards. A combined 84% of American described nurses' ethics as "very high" or "high", 14 % rate them as "average", and only 2% ranked them as "low". The only year that nurses did not earn the highest ranking was in 2001, when fireman took the first place.

Four of the five next highest ratings were also in the medical field. Pharmacists, veterinarians, medical doctors, and dentists ranged from 62% to 73%. The ratings the most of the groups and professions rated this year changed little compared with 2005. The only 2 significant changes were that ratings of druggists/pharmacists went up 6 points, while ratings for police declined 6 points.

Results are based on telephone interviews with 1,000 national adults, aged 18 and older, conducted in December of 2006. The sampling error is + or - 3 percentage point.

Community Corner

***Submitted by Diana Dornack,
President-Elect***

OPEN-M "Adopt a Family" Christmas Program

Thanks to everyone from the Delta Omega Chapter that participated in some way to the success of the 2006 OPEN-M "Adopt a Family" Christmas Program. I look forward to continuing this project during the holiday season in 2007. We received gifts for the families, gift wrapping items and monies from Delta Omega Chapter Members. Also exciting to note was the participation of potential student candidates as well as participation by a potential Nurse Leader Candidate. One of the families we supported sent a card to thank us for

helping them get through the holiday season. Many thanks again to Martha Conrad, Jackie Ross, Maryan Mathis, Mary Franklin, Barb Brunt, E. Gay Lindsay, Peg DiMarco, Yvonne Smith, Phyllis Fitzgerald, Patti Crawford, Fran Feesler, Megan Ellis, Joe Foley, Sheau-Huey Chiu, Karen Fitzgerald, Kathy Horning, Leona Cody, Heather Cox, and Sally Hartline. We couldn't have done it without you.

OPEN-M Hot Lunch

On Friday, February 23, 2007 we will serve a hot lunch to the community at OPEN-M in Akron. Typically start serving at 11:00 or 11:30. Need volunteers from 9:30am - 1:00pm. Need membership to prepare food, serve food and clean up. If you are unable to participate the entire time we would love to have you for even a two hour block of time. For those unable to join us we will also need desserts. You could participate by baking something yummy. Really need at least 15 participants to help the process run smoothly. We had a great time last year. Please contact Dina Dornack at ddornack@chmca.org if you are interested in participating. Mark your calendar and plan to come.

OPEN-M Free Clinic

The OPEN-M Free Clinic would love to have nursing volunteers. You can visit the OPEN-M web site at www.openm.org. Select "Care for the Sick" this will provide you with background information regarding the clinic and contact information.



Sigma Theta Tau International Winter Meeting

Thursday, February 8th
6:00 PM
Daley Dining Hall
Ursuline College

Delta Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau has volunteered to provide a basket for the Silent Auction Fundraiser for the Winter Meeting. The theme of our basket is, "Tropical Escape on the Northcoast." If you would like to donate items with a tropical, vacation or "escape" theme please contact:

Karen Mascolo
Akron Children's Hospital
330-543-3990
kmascolo@chmca.org

The items will be assembled by the Chapter in a basket and taken to the Winner Meeting for the auction. If you would prefer to contribute money toward the basket please make checks payable to Delta Omega and mail to:

Karen Mascolo
School Health Services
Akron Children's Hospital
One Perkins Square
Akron, OH 44308

Thanks for your support of this worthwhile project!
See you at the Winter Meeting!

Guidelines for Research Funds

SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL
SOCIETY OF NURSING, INC
Delta Omega Chapter
Research Grants and Awards Committee

Guidelines for Research Funds

Research grant deadlines occur in the Fall and Spring sessions. Deadline 7/15/07. Instructions for completing the application process and required information for review are outlined in various sections. The Research Grants and Recognition Awards Committee will recommend approval for funding. Please note that the application criteria apply to both quantitative and qualitative research designs.



**NURSE LEADERS WANTED
Honor Society of Nursing
Sigma Theta Tau International**

Name of Candidate: _____

Present Position (Title and Description)

Please Read Carefully:

Thank you for your interest in the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International membership. If you are currently **not** enrolled in a nursing degree program and have **not** been previously inducted into the honor society, please complete this form.

If you **are** currently enrolled in a nursing degree program, an invitation from the chapter at your institute of higher learning will be extended to you if you have met the necessary membership requirements and you **should not submit this form.**

Instructions: Complete this required information for consideration for membership in Sigma Theta Tau International and submit a current curriculum vitae.

Education (include basic preparation through highest degree held). *This application can only be submitted if you are currently NOT enrolled in a nursing degree program at an institution of higher learning where a chapter is located, you hold a baccalaureate degree or equivalent, and are legally recognized to practice nursing in your country.*

Degree	Institution (Name, City, Country)	Major Area of Study	Year Completed
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

Personal Information

Name _____
(Name and Credentials)

Home Address _____
(Number and Street)

(City/Province, State, Postal Code, Country)

Business Address _____
(Employer Name/Department)

(Number and Street)

(City/Province, State, Postal Code, Country)

Telephone Numbers:
Office _____

Home _____

Fax Number _____

Business Email Address _____

Home Email Address _____

Should STTI use your "business" or "home" email address for communication? _____

Use a separate piece of paper to briefly describe your professional experience of areas of expertise which illustrate you achievements in nursing.

Please return to:
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Akron, OH 44325-3701
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Calling all past, present, and future nursing leaders! This year we need you to help our Delta Omega Chapter grow to new heights. Several leadership positions will be open this fall and those successful in securing them will experience many new and rewarding professional opportunities. Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague for one of the following Delta Omega positions. This is an excellent way to make a difference in our nursing community!

The **First Vice-President** performs the duties of the president in the absence of the president. They may fill an unexpired term of the president in case of a vacancy. Other duties include being an ex-officio member of the Research Grants and Recognition Awards Committee and the Program Committee, co-chair of the Research/Education Day, and a member of the finance committee.

The **Corresponding Secretary** provides new officers and members with copies of our chapter's bylaws and is responsible for chapter correspondence. They chair the bylaws committee and are an ex-officio member of the Newsletter and Eligibility Committees. This person keeps us informed of chapter activities via *The Delta Report*. They also keep our roster and handle any chapter transfers that occur.

The **Counselor** is a University of Akron Faculty Member who serves as an advisor to the chapter, chairs the Eligibility Committee, and serves as an ex-officio member of the Bylaws Committee. The counselor collects data from membership candidates and distributes membership cards.

One member is needed for the **Leadership Succession Committee** and this person will be the committee chair during the second year of their term. This committee is responsible for developing a ballot and conducting elections according to the by-laws.

Three members are needed for the Governance Committee shall oversee Bylaws and eligibility issues.

- Determines chapter compliance with the Bylaws.
- Makes recommendations for Bylaws changes.
- Oversees issues of member and chapter eligibility.
- Acts as a resource for the organization on Bylaws and eligibility governance.

Please send your nominations by email or surface mail to Peg DiMarco, Chairman of the Leadership Succession Committee, Sigma Theta Tau International, Delta

Omega Chapter, The University of Akron College of Nursing, Akron, OH 44325 by March 15, 2007 or email dimarco@uakron.edu. Once we receive a nomination, our committee will do the rest. We will send a biographical form for the candidate to complete acknowledging their willingness to run. A ballot will be prepared from those completing their bio forms and will be mailed to the active Delta Omega membership for vote this spring. Those securing the most votes will be notified by phone and will be sworn into office this spring during our annual business meeting. Your time and talents are needed!

Don't forget to submit nominations for awards – details on next page. Deadline March 15, 2007. Forms can be downloaded online at

www.2.uakron.edu/deltaomega/recognitionawards.htm



SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL, INC.

HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING
Delta Omega Chapter

Excellence in Nursing Recognition Awards
Nomination Form

Category (Check one)

Form with checkboxes for Nursing Practice, Nursing Education, Nursing Leadership, Nursing Research, Nursing Mentoring, and Utilization of Nursing Research.

Name of Nominee

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Summary of the Nominee's Contributions and Accomplishments: Please write a brief explanation, including pertinent examples, describing how the nominee has demonstrated achievement of criteria specific to the award for which she or he is being nominated.

Nomination submitted by: Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone (Home) (Work)

Chapter Affiliation

Please return this form to: Dr. Marlene Huff, Chair, Research Grants & Awards Committee, College of Nursing, The University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325-3703, Email: mhuff@uakron.edu

Guidelines for Recognition Awards

- I. Purpose of the Awards: The purpose of the awards is to recognize outstanding nurses whose contributions to nursing fulfill the goals of Sigma Theta Tau International.
II. Criteria
A. General
1. Sigma Theta Tau members submit nominations for the awards
2. Academic excellence defined as a G.P.A. of 3.0 or above when students are involved.
3. Support for the Sigma Theta Tau member's nomination may come from peer, faculty, nursing or community leaders.
4. Awards will be issued at the discretion of the committee.
B. Types of Awards and Criteria
1. Award for Excellence in Nursing Leadership
a. Receives local, national and/or international recognition as a nursing leader in education, practice, administration and/or research.
b. Influences leadership in nursing through visionary and innovative approaches to leadership.
c. Creates an environment that enhances the image of nursing and nurses.
d. Participates in the development of nursing leaders.
2. Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice
a. Demonstrates knowledge in area of clinical nursing practice.
b. Develops creative approaches to nursing practice that contribute to quality client care.
c. Possesses the clinical expertise and the attributes of a clinical scholar.
d. Advances the scope and practice of nursing.
e. Serves as mentor/preceptor that inspires peers' practice of nursing.
f. Influences the practice of nursing through communication.
g. Enhances the image of nursing through one's nursing practice.
h. Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect nursing practice.
3. Award for Excellence in Nursing Education
a. Demonstrates excellence in teaching as evidenced by student and peer evaluation.
b. Advances the science of nursing through clarifying, refining and/or expanding nursing's knowledge base.
c. Promotes a theory/research base for nursing curricula and nursing practice.
d. Influences scholarly development in nursing education, practice, and/or research through teaching.
e. Influences the professional practice of nursing and the public's image of nursing through excellence in teaching.
4. Award for Excellence in Nursing Research
a. Conducts scholarly research in nursing, according to research guidelines for Sigma Theta Tau.
b. Communications nursing research findings to the nursing community, including journal citations and/or presentations.
c. Contributes significantly to the body of nursing knowledge through research.
5. Award for Excellence in the Utilization of Nursing Research
a. Applies nursing research findings in administration, education or clinical practice.
b. Documents utilization of nursing research.
c. Evaluates utilization of nursing research.
6. Award for Excellence in Nurse Mentoring
a. Actively shapes and promotes the development of the career of a nurse, Sigma Theta Tau member, a chapter leader and/or an individual chapter leader, as evidenced through letters of support from persons being mentored.
b. Freely shares own resources for the growth and development of a nurse.
c. Maintains the mentoring relationship over time.
7. Award for Outstanding Nursing Undergraduate or Graduate Student Performance
a. Demonstrates excellence in areas of nursing practice, academic achievement, research or leadership activities.
b. Presents self as a student who seeks and enjoys the search for knowledge.



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SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA FOR AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



Sigma Theta Tau International is the honor society of nursing committed to fostering excellence, scholarship and leadership in nursing to improve health care worldwide. The Society promotes the use of nursing research in health care delivery and makes its resources available to all people and

institutions interested in the latest knowledge in nursing care. Sigma Theta Tau International was founded in 1922 and has a membership of more than 120,000 members active in more than 90 countries. It has chapters located at 523 college and university schools of nursing worldwide. 45% of the Society's members are clinicians, 20% are administrators or supervisors, and 19% are educators. 65% of its members hold master's and/or doctoral degrees.

Nurses may become members of Sigma Theta Tau International by establishing eligibility through the following criteria. Once eligibility is established, potential members are invited to place an application.

Membership Criteria:

Undergraduate students must:

- have completed ½ of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- rank in the upper 35 percentile of the graduating class;
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

RN students must:

- have completed 12 credit hours at current school;
- have completed ½ of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);

- rank in the upper 35 percentile of graduating class;
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

Graduate students (Master's and Doctorate) must:

- have completed ¼ of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.5 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

Nurse Leaders must:

- be a registered nurse, legally recognized to practice in his/her country;
- hold at least a baccalaureate degree in nursing or other field;
- have demonstrated achievement in nursing.

MEMBER BENEFITS:

From scholarship to research, bedside to teaching, business and beyond, nurses of today and tomorrow have more opportunities than ever to touch the lives of people across the globe. The Honor Society of Nursing is here to support your career through a wide variety of member benefits and services.

Publications

- Reflections on Nursing Leadership, a four-color nursing news magazine
- Excellence - a customized issue-oriented online newsletter
- Journal of Nursing Scholarship, a peer-reviewed health-care journal



Career Resources

- [CareerMap](#) - online, print and person-to-person opportunities to help advance your career
- [Continuing Education](#) - through chapter programming and Online Case Studies for Nursing
- Networking opportunities
- Chapter activities - opportunities to share ideas with nurse scholars and clinicians from around the world
- Directory of Nurse Leaders - a complete listing of active Sigma Theta Tau members and their contact information
- [Online Member Community](#) - connecting members worldwide through chats and e-forums

- [NTN NurseNet!](#) - a customized employment search database
- Career advice service - nurse experts answer your career questions
- Career profiles - online [profiles of members](#) in several specialty areas and work settings

[Member Community](#) - this online resource connects members world wide. Benefits now available include:

- e-Forum - debate important industry issues with other society members. Topics may include the nursing shortage and career advice
- Directory of Nurse Leaders - a searchable directory of society members
- Journal of Nursing Scholarship - the society's renowned research journal is now available electronically. Members may choose online vs. print delivery.

Research

- [Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library](#) - immediate access to nursing research and information
- [Online Literature Review and Book Review](#) - weekly e-bulletins providing the latest customized information on newly published nursing books and articles
- [Small Research Grants](#) - Grant opportunities from the society and our joint partners

[Financial Services](#) - a no annual fee *Platinum Plus*sm or Preferred MasterCard® credit card program from MBNA America Bank, N.A. [Click here!](#)

[Publications](#) - print and electronic publications are distributed through Center Nursing Press, the society's internal publishing unit, and through the Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library.

[Journal of Nursing Scholarship](#) - Free to active members, \$39 value - One of the most widely read and respected health care journals today.

[Reflections on Nursing Leadership](#) - Free to active members, \$23 value - an award-winning four-color news magazine featuring contemporary articles on nurses at the forefront of change.

[Excellence](#) - Free to active members - Three issues-oriented newspapers providing members with customized information pertinent to their individual needs. Members select from Clinical Practice, Nursing Administration or Nursing Education.

[You Belong Here](#) - an online newsletter for newly inducted members featuring industry news and targeted for early career nurses.

[Books](#) - peer-reviewed works covering many topics including health care, communication, education models, health policy and more.

[Chapter Activities](#) - experience first hand the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International through your local chapter. You will receive publications, have the chance to interact with other nurses in your area, participate in research conferences, receive research grants, serve on committees and assemblies, and much more.

There are 406 chapters on 503 college and university campuses worldwide.

International activities - you may reach beyond your local community to interact with colleagues and benefit from research conferences, biennial conventions, regional assemblies, "think tanks" and other nursing and health care-related activities.

[CareerMap](#) - Managing your career with purpose! Let Sigma Theta Tau assist you every step of your nursing career...whether you're thinking of nursing as a career, are an RN looking for new directions, or working towards a fulfilling retirement. Services include, but aren't limited to:



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