

**SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING
PI EPSILON AT-LARGE CHAPTER**

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On the basis of this student's achievement and my knowledge of the purposes of the Sigma Theta Tau International Society for Nursing, I heartily endorse this individual for membership in Pi Epsilon At-Large Chapter.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Position _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Are you a member of Sigma Theta Tau International? Yes No

If yes, please indicate chapter _____

Comments (if desired)

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CLARIFICATION: THE ESSENCE OF SCHOLARSHIP*

The essence of scholarship includes participation in the following:

- ❖ Research or scholarly inquiry into the science of nursing.
- ❖ Adherence to scholarly methods through systematic evaluation. This includes:
 - Theory development through logical protocols.
 - Development and evaluation of programmatic innovations or new types of programs.
 - Evaluation of technical innovations.
 - Systematic utilization of nursing research in clinical practice.
- ❖ Research development and testing including:
 - Development of new knowledge.
 - Participation with ongoing studies.
 - Publication and presentation.

* The above clarification of scholarship is adapted from Sigma Theta Tau International Guidelines regarding eligibility criteria and is intended to assist the candidate in preparing the required vitae.

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**PHILOSOPHY OF MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY
AND PURPOSES OF THE PI EPSILON AT-LARGE CHAPTER
OF SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF NURSING***

PHILOSOPHY OF MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Philosophy of membership eligibility is consistent with the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. 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.

PURPOSES OF PI EPSILON AT-LARGE CHAPTER

The purposes of Pi Epsilon At-Large Chapter are as follows:

- ❖ Recognize superior achievement and scholarship.
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**SUMMARY OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP INTO THE
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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 outstanding community nursing leaders or from nursing students. Students are:

1. enrolled in baccalaureate and masters programs that have been accredited by a nationally recognized professional nursing organization.
2. enrolled in post-master, doctoral and post-doctoral programs.

Student candidates in the basic nursing programs:

1. should have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.
2. 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:

1. minimum of a baccalaureate degree
2. demonstrated marked achievement in nursing education, practice, research or publication.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Obtain application packet from the Department of Nursing.
2. Complete application form.
3. Obtain two (2) letters of endorsement.
4. Updated resume.
5. The Department of Nursing Faculty Counselors will obtain official transcripts.
6. Return completed application form, letters of endorsement and updated resume within thirty (30) days to the Faculty Counselors.

PI EPSILON AT-LARGE CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Faculty Counselors review application and submitted requirements.
2. Faculty Counselors verify student GPA and ascertain class rank.
3. Board of Directors and full Pi Epsilon Chapter membership votes on candidate's membership during the Annual Meeting.
4. Faculty Counselors provide candidates with written notification of their application outcome after the vote taken during the Annual Meeting.

