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

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- Recognize superior achievement.
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**MEMBERSHIP INTENT FORM
PI EPSILON AT-LARGE CHAPTER
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT**

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 4.0 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

_____ (Street)

_____ (Apt. No.)

_____ (City/town)

_____ (State)

_____ (Zip code)

Telephone _____

Personal Email _____

Permanent Address

_____ (Street)

_____ (Apt. No.)

_____ (City/town)

_____ (State)

_____ (Zip code)

Present Level in the Nursing Program: _____ **Junior** _____ **Senior**

Undergraduate Nursing Courses Completed:

I grant access to my academic record to the Pi Epsilon At-Large Chapter Eligibility Committee for consideration of my application to the Honor Society.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

Submit Form, current resume, 2 letters of endorsement (from nursing faculty members)

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**ENDORSEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP
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Definition: An endorsement is a letter supporting an individual for membership* in the nursing honor society. Two (2) endorsements per individual are necessary in order for an application to be considered by Pi Epsilon Eligibility Committee. The two endorsements must be from a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing. This endorsement enables the candidate to be considered for membership. The Eligibility Committee of Pi Epsilon invites your letter of endorsement supporting the following individual for membership:

_____ **is applying for membership in the PI EPSILON AT-LARGE CHAPTER OF SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR NURSING**

On the basis of this student's achievement and my knowledge of the purposes of the Sigma Theta Tau International Society of Nursing, I heartily endorse the 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)

*Undergraduate criteria for membership are as follows: meet all the criteria for undergraduate category, completed 1/2 of the nursing curriculum, at least 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, rank in the upper 35% of graduating class, and meet the expectation of academic integrity.

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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 of nursing leaders from nursing students. Students are:

1. Enrolled in baccalaureate and masters programs that have been accredited by 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 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 required 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 and retain information about the honor society.
3. Obtain two (2) letters of endorsement from faculty.
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 by February 1st to the Faculty Counselors.

PI EPSILON AT-LARGE CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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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, foster 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 isa developmental process; therefore, individuals who do not meet the eligibility requirements as undergraduate students may emerge to meet the requirements later in the 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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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 vites.

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