



Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc.

HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING

DELTA MU CHAPTER

Yale School of Nursing
Yale University
100 Church Street South
P.O. Box 9740
New Haven, Connecticut 06536-9740

Dear Applicant,

The purpose of Sigma Theta Tau, National Honor Society of Nursing, is to recognize superior achievement, the development of leadership qualities, foster high professional standards, encourage creative work and strengthen commitment to the ideas and purpose of the profession.

The Yale School of Nursing Chapter of the National Honor Society was chartered in 1980 and currently has over five hundred members. Members from any other Sigma Theta Tau Chapter may transfer into the Delta Mu Chapter. A member of any chapter of Sigma Theta Tau can endorse a candidate applying to the Delta Mu Chapter.

Attached are the Guidelines for Eligibility, Application for Membership, and Endorsement Forms. Also included with the application forms are Sigma Theta Tau's Vision/Mission, history, initiatives, membership criteria as well as a list of commonly asked questions about the application process.

Each applicant should submit a resume or curriculum vitae (CV) and return it with the completed application forms. The completed application packet including **March 6, 2010**. Applications should be returned to the address above (right, corner) c/o Freddi Grant

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please feel free to contact me at (203) 285-3337. Electronic applications may be obtained by e-mailing request to Freddi Grant, Administrative Assistant for the Delta Mu Chapter, at fredericka.grant@yale.edu (Please list "delta mu" in e-mail subject line).

Thank you.

Leslie Neal-Boylan, PhD, RN
Secretary, Delta Mu

Guidelines for Eligibility

Nurse Leaders must:

- be a registered nurse, legally recognized to practice in Connecticut;
- hold at minimum of a baccalaureate degree in nursing or the equivalent in any field;
- have demonstrated achievement in nursing.

A. Attainment of leadership role through:

1. Health related activities within the community
2. Activities within the community at large

B. Marked achievement in nursing through (*It is recognized that each individual will not have marked achievement in every category)

1. Contribution to the nursing literature and/or education media
2. Participation in continuing education of self or others
3. Development of innovations in nursing practice which improves care of patients and/or the administration of a nursing unit
4. Recognition of achievement by awards of various kinds
5. Research in nursing
6. Achievement in teaching
7. Membership and achievement in work with a health related or professional nursing organization

C. Endorsements (two) from current members of Sigma Theta Tau (Please list below, names of the two individuals that will be endorsing you)



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**DELTA MU CHAPTER
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
2009-10**

PLEASE TYPE

Application to be submitted by:
March 5, 2010

For Official Processing of Application By Eligibility Committee

RECEIVED

ACCEPTED/REJECTED

NOTIFIED

INDUCTION FEE

DUES PAID

PART I

A.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Local

Zip Code

Telephone Number

Permanent

Zip Code

Telephone Number

Place of Employment: _____ Current Position: _____

B. Name of Sigma Theta Tau members responsible for endorsements:

Name Address Telephone Number

Name Address Telephone Number

Name of the Delta Mu member who referred you to this organization _____

C. What prompted your interest in membership in Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Mu Chapter?

D. Describe your involvement in any health related activities within the professional community (Local, state, national, international.)

E. Describe your community activities aside from organizations or activities related to health professions.

F. List any research or publication (including educational media, thesis research).

G. List your participation in conferences, workshops, etc., within the last 3 years.

Title	CEU's/ Contact Hours	Speaker	Planner	Attendee

- H. Describe any innovative nursing practice you have initiated which has resulted in improving care of patients.
- I. List any awards you have received.
- J. Describe any achievements in the area of teaching such as curriculum development, course development, evaluation process or administration.
- K. List your membership in professional organizations. Indicate position(s) you held or currently hold and describe your contribution(s).

Part II

(The requirements for Part II may be met with an attached CV/Resume)

A. Education

1. Basic nursing education received from: _____
Year Graduated: _____

2. Baccalaureate (if different from above) received from:

College/University	Program
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3. Master's degree received from:

College / University	
Program	Year Graduated

4. Number of credits towards Master's Degree _____

Name of College or University	_____
Name of Program	_____
Expected date of Graduation	_____

5. Doctoral degree received from: _____

	College / University
Program	Year Graduated

6. Number of credits towards Doctorate _____

Name of College or University	_____
Name of Program	_____
Expected Date of Graduation	_____

B. Employment (present or most recent):

1. Name of Employer _____

2. Address of Employer _____

Telephone Number _____

3. Indicate your position and describe your responsibilities.

C. Describe your professional activities since graduation from a basic nursing program.

**DELTA MU CHAPTER
ENDORSEMENT FOR
(to be given to individual that will be writing a letter of endorsement for you)**

PLEASE TYPE

_____ has applied for membership in the National Honor Society of Nursing. The candidate for membership invites your endorsement. Please write a brief narrative, include how long and in what capacity you have known the candidate.

Your endorsement should include evidence of the following:

1. Leadership potential as demonstrated by activities within the professional community at large (local, state, national, international).
2. Achievement of nursing through research, publication, continuing education, administration, teaching or innovative practice. (It is recognized that each individual will not have marked achievement in every category).

Please submit your endorsement to Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Mu Chapter, Yale University School of Nursing, 100 Church Street South, P.O. Box 9740, New Haven, CT 06536-0740.

Name (print)

Chapter

Signature

Date

To be submitted by March 6, 2010

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VISION / MISSION

A Vision to Lead

To create a global community of nurses who lead in using scholarship, knowledge and technology to improve the health of the world's people.

A Mission to Serve, Support and Improve

Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing provides leadership and scholarship in practice, education and research to enhance the health of all people. We support the learning and professional development of our members, who strive to improve nursing care worldwide.

What is Sigma Theta Tau International?

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 And is active in more than 90 countries. It has chapters located at 523 nursing colleges and universities worldwide. 45% of the Society's members are clinicians, 20% are administrators or supervisors, and 19% are educators. 65% of its members hold a master and/or doctoral degrees.

Overview

- Sigma Theta Tau International is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide by increasing the scientific base of nursing practice.
- Members are nursing scholars committed to the pursuit of excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership.
- We believe that broadening the base of nursing knowledge through knowledge development, dissemination and use offers great promise for promoting a healthier populace.
- We are committed to furthering nursing research in health care delivery and public policy.
- We sustain and support nursing's development and provide vision for the future of nursing and health care through our network of worldwide community of nurse scholars.
- We make available our diverse resources to all people and institutions interested in the scientific knowledge base of the nursing profession.

HISTORY

Sigma Theta Tau was founded in 1922 by six nursing students at Indiana University. Modern nursing was barely 20 years old when Mary Tolle, Edith Moore, Marie Hippensteel, Dorothy Garrigus, Elizabeth Russell and Elizabeth McWilliams met to found a Society to advance the status of nursing as a profession. They recognized the value of scholarship and the importance of excellence in practice. With the full idealism of women forging pathways of change in the 1920s, they wanted to build a framework to encourage future leaders to effectively improve health care.

In 1936, Sigma Theta Tau was the first organization in the U.S. to fund nursing research. Since then the Society has underwritten more than 250 small or "seed" grants, which often begin a whole body of research. These peer-reviewed grants are often the first recognition of potent concepts that eventually lead to major, wide-scale research projects and innovation in the nursing profession.

INITIATIVES

Education & Research Initiatives

Sigma Theta Tau was one of the first organizations to fund nursing research in the United States, awarding a \$600 grant to Alice Crist Malone in 1936. With its chapters and grant partners (corporations, associations and foundations) the society contributes more than \$650,000 annually to nursing research through grants, scholarships and monetary awards. More than 250 research-oriented educational programs are sponsored or co-sponsored annually by Sigma Theta Tau International in the U.S. and internationally.

Literature Indexes, free research tool that expedites search of nursing and multidisciplinary research, and practice literature by providing an innovative means to perform precision searches of key concepts and variables related to clinical practice with links to MEDLINE®

Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc.
Delta Mu Chapter

Common Questions About Eligibility for Membership

1. **How can I find out who the Delta Mu members are for letters of endorsements?**
The membership list is placed in a sigma file available at the YSN receptionist desk; also we can E mail a list to you by contacting Freddi Grant @ fredericka.grant@yale.edu
2. **Can I get an endorsement from a Sigma member or does it have to be from a Delta Mu member?** Endorsements may come from Sigma members of any chapter - not just a Delta Mu member.
3. **What is the cost of membership?** \$95.00 - includes the local chapter fee and the fee to Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc.
4. **When will I be notified of the decision?** A notification letter will be sent in April after the Eligibility Committee has met. The letter will review induction information and will inform inductees of materials needed (to be sent back to the counselors) for membership to be processed.
5. **What are you looking for?** Potential members with at least a baccalaureate degree who have demonstrated achievement in education, practice, research, administration, or publication may apply for membership as a community leader. Degrees are expected to be in nursing. However, a bachelor's degree in another field is acceptable if the individual is a RN and the achievement in nursing is exceptional.

Help Sheet for Community members

A Guide to Assisting Community members with Answering Questions On The Application.

Below is a list of suggestions to be considered for different sections of the application form.

Part I

- C. **What prompted your interest in membership in Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Mu Chapter?**
faculty; research; nurse leaders; community members
- D. **Describe your involvement in any health related activities within the professional community (Local, state, national, international.)**
B/P screening; immunizations; elderly outreach; Special Olympics; American Diabetes Association; "Planned Parenthood"; local health fairs, hospital outreach programs; Red Cross
- E. **Describe your community activities aside from organizations or activities related to health professions (before or after admission to YSN, if a student).**
Big Brothers / Big Sisters; soup kitchen; volunteer work; school volunteer; Amnesty International; PTA; Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; Church/Religious Groups; local government groups
- F. **List any research or publication (including educational media, thesis research). Include an abstract or annotation. Indicate if completed or in the process of completion.**
Any publications
- G. **List your participation in conferences, workshops, etc., within the last 3 years.**
List any programs attended, including yearly educational competencies
- H. **Describe any innovative nursing practice you have initiated which has resulted in improving care of patients.**
Standards of care, patient education, compliance assessment, orientation programs
- I. **Describe any achievements in the area of teaching such as curriculum development, course development, evaluation process or administration.**
Precepting new employees