



Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc.

HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING

Alpha Chi Chapter
Boston College, School of Nursing

Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

Undergraduate Student Applicant

Dear Applicant:

Qualifications for Membership

- A. All candidates shall have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement, evidence of professional leadership potential, and/or marked achievement in the field of nursing.
- B. Candidates selected from students enrolled in the following program must show evidence of superior scholastic achievement and academic integrity.

Baccalaureate Program

Students who have completed at least one-half of the required nursing curriculum and have demonstrated ability in nursing shall be eligible.

Students not in the highest 35% but who have a GPA of greater than 3.0 may be inducted based on leadership and service qualities. We will review your 1-2 page essay, which describes these activities. The Governance and Executive Committees will vote on which students will be inducted based on the above criteria. Up to 10% of our inductees can be accepted under this exception clause.

Procedures for Establishing Eligibility

- A. Undergraduate Students
 1. Submit membership application.
 2. Two endorsements are required and should be submitted with the application. At least one of the sponsors is required to be a faculty member and at least one is required to be a Sigma Theta Tau member. There is no letter of recommendation required.
 3. Submit an essay if necessary (if below the 35th %ile of your class).
 4. Completed applications should be sent to:
Cathy Hill in Cushing 336
OR mailed to
Chairperson, SIGMA Governance Committee
Alpha Chi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau
Boston College, William F. Connell School of Nursing
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02467-3812

In order to facilitate your application's review, please follow these directions.

1. Answer all questions that apply to you. We cannot return applications for additional information.
2. Please enclose two endorsements along with the applications. A recommendation letter is not required.
3. General membership drive is held in the fall of each year. Completed applications are due by Friday, December 9, 2011 and will be reviewed by the Governance Committee in January. Applicants will be notified of their status in March. Induction for all new members will be held in April 2012.
4. If the Board of Executives approves your membership into the Alpha Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, you will initially be notified via an e-mail from the International Organization. This e-mail will direct you to fill out an additional, yet very simple; application includes your name, address, and other such information. This step is necessary in order for you to be inducted into the organization! Please accept this e-mail as your first notification of acceptance into the Alpha Chi chapter.
5. Please be sure to sign the release form granting permission to obtain your cumulative average, which is found on the member intent form.
6. **If you are not in the top 35th percentile of your graduating class but meet all of the other criteria, please submit a 1-2 page essay describing your leadership and service activities. We can accept a small percentage of students based on strong leadership qualities.**
7. If you have any questions, please contact Sherri St. Pierre at stpiersh@bc.edu or Rosemary Byrne at rosemary.byrne@bc.edu. You can deliver your applications to Cathy Hill in Cushing 336 or mail to the address listed previously.

If you are currently a member of another chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, and are interested in joining Alpha Chi Chapter, please request a "Transfer of Membership" from the International Office of Sigma Theta Tau.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Purposes of Sigma Theta Tau

The purposes of Sigma Theta Tau are to:

- 1) Recognize superior achievement.
- 2) Recognize the development of leadership qualities.
- 3) Foster high professional standards.
- 4) Encourage creative work.
- 5) Strengthen the commitment to the ideas and purposes of the profession.

Selection of members

Sigma Theta Tau's philosophy of eligibility evolves from the purposes of the society. The Eligibility Committee of Alpha Chi Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau, screens candidates. The selection process is based upon qualifications for membership stated in the Chapter Bylaws (Article III, Section 2). The qualification for each category of membership: Undergraduate Student, Graduate Student, and Community Nurse Leader, are designed to enable the Eligibility Committee to evaluate applicants on their levels of achievement in areas corresponding to the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau.

Please Complete this Required Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address Line 1: _____

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Address Line 2: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____

(in order for us to process your application, an email address is required)

Undergraduate, Graduate, Community Leader (circle one)

Applicant Name: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____

Check one: Undergraduate Graduate Community Leader

List name and address of each person from whom endorsements have been requested.

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Check at least one:

Faculty Member

Sigma Theta Tau Member

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

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Membership Intent Form

_____ 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 a GPA of 3.0, rank in the upper 35% of the graduating class-OR-possess strong leadership and service qualities, and meet the expectation of academic integrity.

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Present Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Present Level in Nursing Program: _____
Junior Senior

Undergraduate Nursing Courses Completed:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Under the provisions of the "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974". I grant access to my academic record to the _____ Chapter Eligibility Committee chairperson for Consideration of my membership application to the honor society.*

Student's Signature

Date

Please attach your endorsements to this form. (At least one of the two endorsers is required to be a member of the nursing faculty. At least one of the two endorsers is required to hold active membership in Sigma Theta Tau International).

*Option: A transcript may be required.

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

_____ is applying for membership in the
_____ Alpha Chi _____ Chapter

On the basis of this student's achievement and my knowledge of the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International, I heartily endorse this individual for membership in the chapter.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chapter Membership: _____

Position: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Comments regarding leadership and achievements:

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