

## **Guidelines for Assessing Membership Eligibility of Students in Accelerated Nursing Programs**

### **Basic/Undergraduate Programs**

Chapters may choose to separate or combine the students based on the characteristics of their students or different programs within the school of nursing. For example, traditional four-year degree students could be considered as one cohort or class, RN to BSN students as another class, accelerated BSN students as another class, and graduate students without a nursing degree [i.e., RN to MSN students] as yet another class. All of the candidates invited to join must meet the eligibility criteria as stated in the bylaws for basic students. This includes:

- Achieving excellence according to the standards set by the Society (a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale or the equivalent when grade point averages are not utilized);
- Ranking not lower than the highest 35 percent of the comparison group in scholarship (separated vs. combined groupings); and
- Having completed at least one-half (1/2) of the required nursing curriculum.

### **Graduate Programs**

For graduate nursing programs in which the student has already received her/his nursing license, the student may be invited to membership once he/she meets the eligibility criteria for graduate students which include:

- Achieving excellence according to the standards set by the Society ( a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 grading scale or the equivalent when grade point averages are not utilized); and
- Having completed a minimum of one-quarter (1/4) of the required graduate curriculum.