

## Guidelines for Evaluating Candidates from Schools of Nursing Other Than Where the Chapter is Located

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The bylaws of Sigma Theta Tau International allow chapters to induct students from schools of nursing that do not have Sigma Theta Tau International chapters (Article III., Section 3. a. 1)). Any candidate from a school of nursing that does not have a Sigma Theta Tau International chapter must meet all of the membership eligibility criteria as stated in the bylaws. The following guidelines and template are provided to assist chapters in evaluating candidates from schools of nursing without chapters.

### School Status

The school of nursing that the student candidate is attending must be accredited by a recognized accrediting body. In the event there is no accreditation system in place in the potential member's country, the nursing program shall provide evidence of its quality ("[Global Standards for the Initial Education of Professional Nurses and Midwives](#)"). The program that the student candidate is enrolled in must be a baccalaureate, masters or doctoral program in nursing or the equivalent to these program levels.

### Student Eligibility Criteria

In schools of nursing where the grade point average system is used to measure academic achievement, the student candidate must submit a certified transcript of his/her grades and cumulative grade point average to the Sigma Theta Tau International chapter that he/she is petitioning to join. If the candidate is applying at the basic program level, he/she must also provide documentation indicating he/she ranks not lower than the highest 35% of his/her class in scholarship. In addition, for either student membership levels, the student candidate must submit a letter from his/her head of the nursing program attesting to the student's academic integrity, professional leadership potential and the fact that the student has completed the minimum amount of the nursing curriculum required by Sigma Theta Tau International ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of the required nursing curriculum for basic level membership;  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the required nursing curriculum for graduate level membership).

In schools of nursing that use a measure of academic achievement other than grade point averages, the student candidate's academic achievement must be described in a letter from the head of the nursing program. This letter should also attest to the student's academic integrity, professional leadership potential and the fact that the student has completed the minimum amount of the nursing curriculum required by Sigma Theta Tau International ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of the required nursing curriculum for basic level membership;  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the required graduate curriculum for graduate level membership). If the candidate is applying at the basic student level, the letter from the head of the nursing program must include a description of the candidate's class ranking relative to his/her peers.

# **Sample Application from Student Candidates from Nursing Schools Without a Sigma Theta Tau International Chapter**

**(Chapter Name)**

**Candidate's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University Candidate Attends:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am applying for membership into Sigma Theta Tau International at the following student membership level:**

- ☐ Basic Program (Baccalaureate/Equivalent Degree)
- ☐ Graduate Program (Masters or Doctoral Degree)

## **Application Requirements**

Attach the following as required to this application and return to the chapter representative listed at the bottom of the page for membership consideration.

### **Schools Where Grade Point Averages are Used**

1. Nursing Program Accrediting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Certified transcript of grades (attach to this application) from university indicating cumulative grade point average (basic and graduate levels)
3. Letter from the head of the nursing program indicating:
  - a. Student's ranking is within the upper 35% of his/her class (basic level only)
  - b. Academic integrity (basic and graduate levels)
  - c. Professional leadership potential (basic and graduate levels)
  - d. Student has completed at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the required nursing curriculum (basic level) or  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the required graduate curriculum (graduate level)

### **Schools Where Academic Achievement is Measured By Systems Other Than Grade Point Averages**

1. Nursing Program Accrediting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Letter from the head of the nursing program indicating:
  - a. The student's academic excellence as demonstrated by the school's academic achievement measurement system
  - b. Student's ranking is within the upper 35% of his/her class (basic level only)
  - c. Academic integrity (basic and graduate levels)
  - d. Professional leadership potential (basic and graduate levels)
  - e. Student has completed at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the required nursing curriculum (basic level) or  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the required graduate curriculum (graduate level)

Return application and attachments to: (chapter contact name and information)