

## Membership Demographics

More than 360,000 nurse scholars have been inducted into Sigma Theta Tau. With 125,000 active members, it is the second largest nursing organization in the world. Members are active in more than 90 countries and territories, and the 431 chapters are located on 515 college and university campuses in the U.S. and countries including Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, Pakistan, South Africa, Swaziland, Taiwan and Tanzania.

Membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students, who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing. Sixty-one percent of active members hold masters and/or doctoral degrees. Forty-eight percent are clinicians, 21 percent are administrators or supervisors and 20 percent are educators or researchers.

## Membership Criteria

Membership to Sigma Theta Tau, Alpha Iota Chapter is by invitation to students and by application/invitation to nurse leaders. Invitations are sent each August.

### Undergraduate Students must:

- have completed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- rank in the upper 35 percentile of the graduating class;
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

### Registered Nurse Students must:

- have completed 12 credit hours at current school;
- have completed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- rank in the upper 35 percentile of graduating class;
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

### Graduate Students (Master's and Doctorate) must :

- have completed  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the nursing curriculum;
- have at least a GPA of 3.5 (based on a 4.0 grading scale);
- meet the expectation of academic integrity.

### Nurse Leader Candidates must :

- legally recognized to practice nursing in his/her country;
- minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field;
- demonstrated achievement in nursing (curriculum vita or resume);
- endorsed by a member of Alpha Iota Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.