



Nurse Leader Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Comprised of over 135,000 nurses from around the globe, Sigma is recognized as one of the most distinguished nursing organizations and a world leader in nursing scholarship, leadership, and service.

Criteria for consideration:

No matter where you are in your nursing career, if you meet the criteria for consideration and are currently a nursing professional or a student in a post-licensure graduate program you may apply to join as a Nurse Leader. To be considered for induction into The Society as a Nurse Leader, you must:

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

Instructions:

Please complete the following application in full. The application requires:

- contact information;
- current curriculum vitae (CV), biosketch, or resume (to include information about present position, educational background, and RN licensure/registration); and
- written description (1,000 words or less) of achievement in nursing in one of the following areas:
 - scholarship,
 - leadership,
 - service or practice.

Submission:

The application should be completed or printed from the web page.

If unable to submit the Nurse Leader Application via the online induction system, it may be submitted mail or electronically to

Mail: Constituent Services
Sigma Theta Tau International
550 West North Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202
USA

Fax: +1-317-634-8188

Email: memserv@sigmanursing.org

Notification:

Your completed application will be forwarded to a chapter in your area (or chapter of your choosing) for review of eligibility. Notification of acceptance will be forwarded from the chapter through Sigma.

The application begins on the following page.

Part 1. Personal Information

Name _____
(Name and Credentials)

Home Address _____
(Number and Street)

(City/Province, State, Postal Code, Country)

Business Address _____
(Employer Name/Department)

(Number and Street)

(City/Province, State, Postal Code, Country)

Telephone Numbers _____
(Office) (Home)

Business E-mail address _____

Home E-mail address _____

Should Sigma use your “business” or “home” email address for communication?

Part 2. Sigma Information

1. How did you hear about joining Sigma as a Nurse Leader?
 - a. Current Sigma member. Which chapter, if known? _____
 - b. Information from an Sigma chapter. Which chapter? _____
 - c. Sigma booth at a nursing conference. Which conference? _____
 - d. The DAISY Foundation. (provide link)
 - e. Other. Please describe. _____

2. What is your preferred Sigma Chapter to join, if known? _____

Part 3: Curriculum Vitae (CV), Biosketch, or Resume

Please attach your current curriculum vitae (CV), biosketch, or resume.

Part 4. Achievement in Nursing

Candidates shall have demonstrated achievement in nursing in one of the following areas. Examples for each area are provided below. The examples are meant to be illustrations of possible achievements and are not meant to be specific requirements for application.

Scholarship

Some potential examples include, but are not limited to:

- *Engaging in evidence-based practice projects at the unit or institutional level.*
- *Engaging in quality improvement programs that bring about change to practice, patient care, or organizational policies.*
- *Receiving a research grant.*
- *Conducting research and disseminating findings.*
- *Mentoring of junior nurse researchers.*
- *Publishing in a peer-reviewed professional journal.*
- *Developing evidence-based educational programs for nurses.*
- *Designing and instituting contemporary educational models to influence nursing education.*
- *Being recognized as an expert in a nursing or other health-related area.*

Leadership

Some potential examples include, but are not limited to:

- *Chairing a committee within an organization and collaborating with interdisciplinary groups.*
- *Holding a leadership position in a professional nursing, other health-related, or community organization/association.*
- *Mentoring others to help prepare them for leadership positions.*
- *Engaging in healthcare policy development or advocacy work.*
- *Being recognized by an organization/institution/agency for providing exemplary leadership in a specific area or on a specific project.*
- *Leading the development and implementation of original nursing projects designed to improve patient care or the functioning of the healthcare organization.*
- *Serving as an external consultant or reviewer to professional or educational organizations (e.g., accreditation site visitor, external program consultant).*

Service or Practice

Some potential examples include, but are not limited to:

- *Working with a non-profit organization that does global outreach and relief work.*
- *Facilitating the work of a homeless health clinic.*
- *Organizing and sustaining ongoing volunteer recruits to work in a food bank.*
- *Developing and leading projects and activities to promote well-being, such as a spiritual support group for nurses, Relay for Life, suicide awareness and prevention, opioid abuse epidemic awareness and prevention.*
- *Sustaining volunteer community service for organizations such as The Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Doctors without Borders, or Rotary International.*
- *Implementing shared governance models within an organization or institution.*
- *Serving on institutional/organizational governance committees.*
- *Developing and monitoring preceptor programs for new nurses.*
- *Developing a nurse residency program.*

Please indicate the area(s) in which you have demonstrated achievement in nursing:

Scholarship

Leadership

Service or Practice

Please briefly describe your achievement(s):
(1,000 words maximum)