Sigma Theta Tau International, Beta Kappa Applications

Applications are now being accepted for induction and membership into the Beta Kappa Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the International Honor Society of Nursing for the annual 2017 induction. The purposes of the society are to:

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

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

BACCALAUREATE Program Students:

- Completed at least one half of the required nursing component of the baccalaureate curriculum and have demonstrated ability in nursing,
- Have a cumulative grade average of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale and rank within the top 35% of the class, and
- Show evidence of leadership potential through involvement in University, professional, and/or community activities.

MASTERS Program Students:

- Completed at least one fourth of the academic program, and have demonstrated academic integrity,
- Have a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, and
- Show evidence of leadership potential through involvement in University, professional, and/or community activities.

DOCTORAL Program Students (DNP and PHD):

- Completed at least one fourth of the academic program, and have demonstrated academic integrity,
- Have a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, and
- Show evidence of leadership potential through involvement in University, professional, and/or community activities.

COMMUNITY NURSE LEADER (NON-STUDENT) applicants:

- Hold a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing,
- Demonstrate superior contributions to the profession through activities such as:
  - Attainment of a leadership role in the professional community or the community at large, and
  - Achievement in nursing through
    - contributions to the nursing literature,
    - continuing education, formal and informal, for self and others
    - development and implementation of original nursing projects to improve care to patients and/or administration of a nursing unit, and/or
    - recognition for achievements by awards of various kinds of research in nursing
**APPLICATION PROCESS**: Applications are due July 1, 2017. To apply, you must complete all of the following:

Complete the on-line application at: [https://goo.gl/forms/W4Sjc9ovMSC18uSg2](https://goo.gl/forms/W4Sjc9ovMSC18uSg2)

1. Obtain two letters of endorsement, one of which must be from an active member. For student applicants, one of these two letters must also be from a faculty member. Endorsement forms can be found at this website: [http://www.nursing.virginia.edu/media/BetaKappaEndorse.pdf](http://www.nursing.virginia.edu/media/BetaKappaEndorse.pdf)
2. The person completing the recommendation/endorsement should return the form to Renee Breeden at rcb9b@virginia.edu.
3. Submit a resume or curriculum vita by email attachment to Renee Breeden at rcb9b@virginia.edu.

**INVITATION TO INDUCTION**: Notifications in Mid-September, 2017

Applicants will be notified of the Beta Kappa Chapter’s decision after the Fall Business Meeting in early September. If invited to induction and membership:

1. The STTI on-line final application must be completed, including payment of the first year of membership dues.
2. The induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with UVA’s Family Weekend on November 4th, 2017.

**QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Richard Westphal, Faculty Counselor (Eligibility) at rjw5a@virginia.edu