



Sigma Theta Tau International

Honor Society of Nursing®

Vision 2020

Let's make it real!

By the year 2020, the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International will be the organization of choice for scholarship, knowledge and leadership for nurses globally. As a leader in professional nursing, the honor society will be the organization nurses use when looking for information on global health issues. This will be possible because of the intellect and leadership of its members who will influence health care decisions globally, regionally and locally.

Talented individuals who make exemplary, diverse contributions to the profession and global health will be members of the honor society. These professionally prepared nurses will form communities around common goals, interests and needs. They will connect with each other using international, national, regional and local resources, both in person and virtually. Members will contribute to, discover, and use the services and resources available through a peer-contributing, electronic knowledge repository.

This electronic knowledge repository will link members to one another, to knowledge and scholarship resources, and to leadership development opportunities. Through their relationships, they will learn, share and develop the profession's contribution to global health.

The management of these communities will be regional and will adhere to the principles of the international organization. The organizations activities internationally and regionally will continue to be apolitical and will promote collaboration as a way of achieving improved global health. International governance will focus on policy, strategic direction, principles and priorities for the organization. Its operations will focus on the worldwide network as a way for members to:

- Communicate
- Connect
- Convene service
- Create, use and distribute knowledge resources
- Promote leadership development

Regional governance will focus on meeting the unique needs of the membership by applying international priorities, principles, policies and strategic directions through region-specific tactics, plans and services.

When the organization convenes in 2020, imagine a room filled with thousands of nurses in native dress and national flags lining the perimeter. Topics of discussion, enabled by virtual interactions, will focus on health care issues and how nursing knowledge, leadership and scholarship will provide solutions. Individuals will gather in small and large groups in open, common-interest forums that will work together to create cross-country, action agendas and initiatives that address priority global health care issues. Most importantly, members will be enthused, actively engaged and making a difference in global health.

Four priority goals have been developed to realize this vision.

1. Goal: The honor society is a valued, relevant and meaningful organization for members and nurses worldwide.

Actions required to meet this goal include:

- Designing resources and services around global trends, user demographics and market research
- Creating opportunities for user feedback and being responsive to diverse member needs
- Providing opportunities for meaningful and purposeful involvement of and service by members
- Creating new membership models that provide additional portals of entry and are globally relevant

2. Goal: The honor society is an intentionally global organization.

Actions required to meet this goal include:

- Establishing global organizational principles and priorities
- Enacting ongoing policy and governance revisions
- Creating a phased governance and operations model for global and regional infrastructure development
- Ensuring resource allocation for global development
- Cultivating partnerships and collaborative endeavors with like mission organizations

3. Goal: The honor society is a thought leader in creating and sharing knowledge and in developing leadership resources.

Actions required to meet this goal include:

- Expanding both the pace and degree of knowledge development and acquisition through some means of open-source modeling or peer-production
- Establishing new partnership ventures to support the honor society's emergence as the premier knowledge depository in professional nursing
- Expanding honor society support of nursing research and scholarship
- Creating opportunities, venues and innovative methods for leadership development across the career span
- Providing evidence-based solutions for knowledge and leadership issues in nursing through global, interdisciplinary collaborations and multiple modalities
- Influencing practice, policy, research and education through the intellectual capital of the membership

4. Goal: The honor society is a knowledge-focused, technology enable organization.

Actions required to meet this goal include:

- Enriching and expanding knowledge resources
- Creating a technology infrastructure that is accessible and meaningful to nurses worldwide
- Employing emerging technologies and applications that provide virtuality, mobility and portability in managing communication, interactions and relationships
- Creating and stimulating learning, sharing and knowledge environments
- Expanding models and methodologies of knowledge use and distribution