

Kappa Tau Chapter
Sigma Theta Tau International

Nursing Excellence Awards: Criteria for Selection

The Kappa Tau Chapter Nursing Excellence Awards are presented to outstanding members of the Honor Society whose contributions to nursing fulfill the goals of Sigma Theta Tau International.

I. Criteria for Selection

A. Excellence in Nursing Practice and/or Administration Award

1. Possesses clinical expertise and scholarship in an area of nursing practice.
2. Uses clinical expertise to advance the scope of nursing practice.
3. Develops creative nursing approaches that contribute to quality client care.
4. Participates in the development of clinical nursing leaders/expert practitioners and be serving as mentor/preceptor.
5. Interacts collegially with both nursing and non-nursing practitioners to enhance the image of nursing.
6. Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect and advance nursing practice.

B. Excellence in Nursing Education Award

1. Demonstrates excellence in teaching.
2. Advances nursing through clarifying, refining, communicating and/or expanding the knowledge base of nursing.
3. Promotes a theory/research base for nursing scholarship and nursing practice.
4. Receives local, national, and/or international recognition as a nursing leader in education.
5. Creates an environment that enhances the image of nursing.
6. Participates in community affairs, legislation, or organizations that affect and advance nursing practice.

II. Nomination and Selection Process

- A. A selection committee will consist of members of the Awards Committee of the Kappa Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.
- B. The Awards Committee will review materials submitted for each nominee and evaluate candidates on the criteria listed above.
- C. Individuals selected to receive awards will be notified by the Chapter President or designee prior to public release of information.
- D. Award recipients will be recognized in chapter, national and local media.

III. Award and Presentation

- A. Awards will be presented at the annual meeting.
- B. Recipients will be awarded:
 1. Certificate of Recognition
 2. Gift
- C. Names of the recipients will be engraved on the chapter plaque located in the School of Nursing, University of Vermont.

Folta-Deck Award: Criteria For Selection

The Folta-Deck Award recognizes nursing research conducted by a member of the Kappa Tau Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. This award will be given to an individual for published research or research accepted for publication. Individuals may submit their own name or be nominated for the Folta-Deck Award. The Folta-Deck Award will be given annually and awarded at the Annual Meeting of the chapter. The recipient of the award will be selected by a panel of at least two members of the Kappa Tau Chapter Awards Committee. The recipient of the Folta-Deck Award will receive \$200.00. The name of the recipient will be engraved on a plaque located in the School of Nursing, University of Vermont.