

## Interpretation of Membership Eligibility Criteria per STTI Bylaws

Students in an Undergraduate Program		
Criteria	Bylaws Wording	Interpretation
Undergraduate	1. Complete at least ½ of the nursing curriculum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refers to courses with a nursing prefix.</li> </ul>
	2. Students in basic programs shall be eligible for membership if they have achieved excellence according to the standards approved by the Society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For universities/institutions of higher education that use a 4.0 grade point average system to measure academic achievement, undergraduate students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0. GPAs should be computed according to the policies of the university.</li> <li>For universities/institutions of higher education that do not use a 4.0 grade point average system, the honor society will need to define how excellence is determined using its school's measure of academic achievement. This definition will need to be approved by the STTI Governance Committee.</li> </ul>
	3. Rank in the upper 35 percent of the graduating class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class means the group or cohort anticipated to graduate within a given academic or calendar year or semester.</li> <li>If the lowest grade point average in the upper 35 percent falls below 3.0, only those students with a 3.0 and above are eligible (if grade point averages are used).</li> </ul>
Registered Nurses Continuing Their Studies to Earn a Baccalaureate Degree or the Equivalent	1. Complete at least ½ of the nursing curriculum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refers to courses with a nursing prefix</li> </ul>
	2. Students in baccalaureate programs shall be eligible for membership if they have achieved excellence according to the standards approved by the society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade point average should be computed according to the policies of the university. In the case where a student has challenged courses or is a transfer student, the grade point average is required to be based on a minimum of 12 earned nursing or non-nursing credits completed at the college or university where currently enrolled.</li> <li>For universities/institutions of higher education that use a 4.0 grade point average system to measure academic achievement, baccalaureate students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0. GPAs should be computed according to the policies of the university.</li> <li>For universities/institutions of higher education that do not use a 4.0 grade point average system, the honor society will need to define how excellence is determined using its school's measure of academic achievement. This definition will need to be approved by the STTI Governance Committee.</li> </ul>
	3. Rank in the upper 35 percent of the graduating class.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class means the group anticipated to graduate within a given academic or calendar year or semester.</li> <li>Registered nurses can be considered as a separate group when a generic program also has a Registered Nurse track.</li> <li>If the lowest grade point average in the upper 35 percent falls below 3.0, only students with a 3.0 and above are eligible. In the US, the standard is a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale.</li> </ul>



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<b>Students in a Graduate Program</b>		
Master's and Doctoral Students	1. Students in graduate programs shall be eligible for membership if they have achieved excellence according to the standards approved by the society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For universities/institutions of higher education that use a 4.0 grade point average system to measure academic achievement, graduate students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5. GPAs should be computed according to the policies of the university.</li><li>• For universities/institutions of higher education that do not use a 4.0 grade point average system, the honor society will need to define how excellence is determined using its school's measure of academic achievement. This definition will need to be approved by the STTI Governance Committee. Examples of equivalencies to the 3.5 GPA that have been approved are available from headquarters.</li></ul>
	2. Complete at least ¼ of the program of study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refers to the total number of semester hours, not limited to nursing courses only.</li></ul>



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<b>Nursing Professionals</b>		
Nurse Leader	1. Hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in any field.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Registered Nurses with a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent in nursing are eligible.</li><li>Registered nurses with a baccalaureate degree in fields other than nursing are also eligible for membership.</li></ul>
	2. Demonstrated achievement in nursing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Common examples of achievement are found at <a href="http://www.nursingsociety.org/membership/nl_criteria.html">http://www.nursingsociety.org/membership/nl_criteria.html</a></li></ul>
	3. Be registered as a nurse, legally recognized to practice in his/her country.	