

Sigma Theta Tau International



STTI ORGANIZATIONAL FACT SHEET

Society Mission

The mission of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Society Vision

Sigma Theta Tau International's vision is to be the global organization of choice for nursing.

HISTORY

In 1922, six nurses founded the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) at the Indiana University Training School for Nurses, which is now the Indiana University School of Nursing, in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. The founders chose the name from the Greek words *storgé*, *tharsos*, and *timé*, meaning love, courage, and honor. STTI became incorporated in 1985 as Sigma Theta Tau International Inc., a nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) tax status in the United States. [Learn more about STTI's founders.](#)

MEMBERSHIP

STTI membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing. Here are some additional facts about our membership:

- STTI has more than 135,000 active members.
- Members reside in more than 90 countries.
- 39 percent of active members hold master's and/or doctoral degrees; 51 percent are in staff positions; 19 percent are administrators or supervisors; 18 percent are faculty/academics; and 12 percent are in advanced practice.
- There are roughly 520 chapters at more than 700 institutions of higher education throughout Armenia, Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, England, Ghana, Hong Kong, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Swaziland, Sweden, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

- STTI communicates regularly with more than 100 nurse leaders who have expressed interest in establishing chapters globally, including those in Chile, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, India, Ireland, Israel, Germany, Jamaica, New Zealand, and Spain.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

From its inception, STTI has recognized the value of scholarship and excellence in nursing practice. In 1936, STTI became the first US organization to fund nursing research. Today, STTI supports these values through its numerous professional development products and services that focus on the core areas of education, leadership, career development, evidence-based nursing, research, and scholarship. These products and services advance the learning and professional development of members and all nurses who strive to improve the health of the world's people.

- STTI, with its [grant-offering partners](#) (corporations, associations, and foundations), contributes more than US \$200,000 annually to nursing research through grants, scholarships, and monetary awards.
- A number of [education and research conferences](#) are supported by STTI, including a yearly research congress that presents the latest nursing research from around the world and a biennial convention that offers nursing's best practices in clinical, scientific, and leadership areas.
- [Online continuing nursing education](#) offers peer-reviewed interactive learning activities that are presented in a variety of learning formats including case studies, evidence-based articles, and module courses. These activities are linked to full-text articles and abstracts and are available for continuing nursing education contact hours.
- The [Virginia Henderson Global Nursing e-Repository](#) is an online digital service that collects, preserves, and disseminates digital materials in both abstract and full-text format. Submissions to this repository may be made by individual nurses and nursing students as well as nursing organizations.
- [STTI's career development](#) programming provides resources for every stage in the career process, from selecting nursing as a profession to active retirement.
- [Leadership programs](#) include mentoring programs and global healthcare think tanks.
- Alliances with other leading providers of nursing knowledge products and services round out STTI's offering and provide added value to its members.

PUBLICATIONS

- [Journal of Nursing Scholarship](#) is one of the most widely read and respected healthcare journals. Published bimonthly by Wiley, *JNS* contains peer-reviewed, thought-provoking articles representing research by some of the world's leading nurse researchers. Current and back issues of *JNS* can be read online and via our [mobile apps](#) for Apple and Android phones and tablets. You can also receive CNE hours for select articles covering a wide variety of topics by completing an online evaluation with immediate test results. This is free for members!
- [Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing™](#) is a primary source of information to improve patient care. Each bimonthly issue contains knowledge synthesis and original articles with best practice applications, recommendations for clinical practice, nursing education, administration, and public healthcare policy. Like *JNS*, current and back issues of *Worldviews* can be read online and via our [mobile apps](#) for Apple and Android phones and tablets. As a member benefit, you can also receive CNE hours for select articles by completing an online evaluation with immediate test results.
- [Scholarly books cover a wide range of topics in nursing and healthcare](#) that are of interest to members and other nurses around the world.

- *Reflections on Nursing Leadership* is STTI's online member magazine that communicates nurses' contributions and relevance to the health of people worldwide.
- *Chapter Leader Emphasis* is a biannual newsletter that is sent to more than 5,500 chapter leaders.
- *STTIconnect* is a monthly electronic newsletter sent to all members that includes chapter-specific information and announcements.