

Title:

Encouraging Virtual Leadership and Member Collaboration

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Virtual Collaboration to Encourage Global Nurse Leadership

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References:

Leithwood, K., & Azah, V. N. (2016). Characteristics of effective leadership networks. *Journal of Educational Administration*, 54(4).

Sun, H., & Puterbaugh, M.D. (2013). Using social media to promote international collaboration. *Pennsylvania Libraries: Research and Practice*, 1(1), 60-74.

Abstract Summary:

The primary goal of Phi Gamma Chapter is making a difference worldwide through creation of a global community of nurses and places importance on encouraging nurse leaders from all over the world. Phi Gamma Chapter communicates with members and those interested in chapter activities through a variety of electronic media.

Learning Activity:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	EXPANDED CONTENT OUTLINE
The learner will have the ability to detail STTI's historical milestones.	Attendees will be introduced to the organization's historical commitment to knowledge, learning and service which has guided the achievement of numerous firsts in the nursing profession.
The learner will have the ability to define ways in which virtual platforms have enhanced chapter ability to collaborate.	Attendees will engage in discussion to share insights on chapter use of virtual platforms.

The learner will have the ability to detail Phi Gamma Chapter electronic communication strategies to encourage chapter leaders. .	Attendees will be provided with information on how to apply electronic communications utilized by Phi Gamma in fostering leadership in chapter members
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Abstract Text:

Phi Gamma Chapter is Sigma Theta Tau International's only virtual chapter. Phi Gamma Chapter has been a part of the global community of nursing that loves, and honors the nursing profession since being chartered and receiving its coat of arms on the 10th day of June, 2010.

Phi Gamma members are among a distinguished group of nurses — students and professionals — who have met or exceeded the rigorous standards required to receive an invitation to join Sigma Theta Tau International. The primary goal of Phi Gamma Chapter is to advance the mission and vision of Sigma Theta Tau International in making a difference worldwide through the creation of a global community of nurses. Phi Gamma places importance on recruiting and engaging Registered Nurse leader members from all over the world. Phi Gamma Chapter Leaders also come from across the globe.

In 2013, during the 42nd Sigma Theta Tau International biennial convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, Phi Gamma Chapter received the Chapter Global Community Building Award. This award recognized Phi Gamma Chapters for having excelled in fostering a virtual global community of nurses using learning, knowledge and professional development to improve the health of the world's people. And, in 2015, during the 43rd Sigma Theta Tau International biennial convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, Phi Gamma Chapter earned the Chapter Key Award for excelling in chapter-related activities such as:

- Membership recruitment and retention
- Publicity and programming
- Professional and leadership development
- Local, national, and international collaboration.

Phi Gamma Chapter is involved in a series of collaborations designed to enhance the endeavors of involved organizations through the mutual sharing of resources. The chapter offers expedited review for consideration for chapter membership to nurse leaders in the Individual Member Division of the American Nurses Association. Phi Gamma provides cooperative educational webinars with continuing education credit offered by Omicron Delta Chapter from the University of Phoenix. Phi Gamma Chapter has developed a Memorandum of Understanding for research collaboration and conference activities with the Research, Development and Innovation Center of Our Lady of Fatima University in the Philippines.

Phi Gamma Chapter communicates with members and those interested in chapter activities via a number of electronic means including:

- The Circle
- STTIconnect
- E-mail
- GoToWebinar
- Facebook, and
- Twitter.

Attendees will engage in discussion about innovative chapter electronic communications. Attendees will be encouraged to share insights of how chapters use virtual platforms, with emphasis on how the use of virtual communications enhanced professional collaboration with chapter members and encouraged networking among global nurse