

ASSOCIATIONS

Several on campus groups are available for graduate student involvement and can be found on the Graduate Student website at: Student Organizations (<http://students.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Campus-Life/Student-Organizations/>).

OUHSC Graduate Student Association

As part of the OUHSC Graduate College, all College of Nursing PhD students may belong to the Graduate Student Association. Annual events include the GREAT Symposium, an annual Spring Awards Banquet, and Grant opportunities. The GSA website is found at <http://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Information-For/Current-Students/Student-Organizations/Graduate-Student-Association> (<http://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Information-For/Current-Students/Student-Organizations/Graduate-Student-Association/>). GREAT is an acronym for Graduate Research Education and Technology Symposium which is sponsored by the Graduate College and the Graduate Student Association. The GREAT symposium provides an opportunity for graduate students to present their newest and most exciting scientific concepts and research findings through oral and poster presentations.

CON Masters and Doctoral Student Nurse Association (MDSNA)

In order to promote collaboration among the various roles of graduate level nurses, the MDSNA developed during the past few years. The group provides opportunities for dialogue, shared learning, advocacy, and support. In addition, life-long relationships and partnerships can be forged based on appreciation of one another's expertise. Whether in-person or through distance technology, you are invited to share your passion for the nursing profession and be a part of MDSNA. Contact Dr. Emily Jones for more information.

Sigma Theta Tau International, Beta Delta Chapter-at-Large

Sigma Theta Tau International is dedicated to improving the health of people worldwide by increasing the scientific base of nursing practice. Members are nursing scholars committed to the pursuit of excellence in clinical practice, education, research and leadership. The Beta Delta Chapter-at-Large includes six Colleges and Schools of Nursing located in the State of Oklahoma. The Chapter was established in 1970 at the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing (<http://nursing.ouhsc.edu/>) with 61 members. In 1982, the University of Central Oklahoma (<http://www.uco.edu/>) and Oklahoma Baptist University (<http://www.okbu.edu/academics/nursing/>) joined the chapter. In 1999, Oklahoma City University (<http://www.okcu.edu/>) and Southern Nazarene University (<http://snu.edu/?p=%7BA1161141-9E5C-4E28-A6DF-B7BD9E54B367%7D>) joined the chapter. Southwestern Oklahoma State University (<http://www.swosu.edu/>) became the latest nursing program to join in 2007. The Beta Delta Chapter-at-Large now has over 800 active members. To learn about membership criteria and becoming a member, see the contact information on the Beta Delta website <http://betadelta.ouhsc.edu/>.

International, National & Regional Research Societies

Students are encouraged to participate in various professional organizations relevant to their areas of interest. Each website will provide information for upcoming regional and national annual meetings.

Websites for the major regional research societies are listed below:

- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/>
- Beta Delta Chapter at Large, Sigma Theta Tau International: <http://thecircle.sigmanursing.org/betadeltachapter/home> (<http://thecircle.sigmanursing.org/betadeltachapter/home/>)
- Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS): <http://mnrs.org>
- Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS): <http://snrs.org/>
- Western Institute of Nursing (WIN): <http://www.winursing.org/>
- Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS): <http://www.enrs-go.org/>
- Council for Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS): <http://www.nursingscience.org/>