



OADN ALPHA DELTA NU NURSING HONOR SOCIETY BYLAWS

Preamble:

We, the members of the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN), in order to promote scholarship and academic excellence in the profession of nursing, do hereby enact and establish these bylaws for the governing of the OADN Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society.

Article I: Name

The name of the society shall be OADN Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society.

Article II: Objective

The objective of the OADN Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society shall be to recognize the academic excellence of students in the study of Associate Degree Nursing. The society shall encourage the pursuit of advance degrees in the profession of nursing as well as continuing education as a life-long professional responsibility. Additionally, the society shall participate in the recruitment of qualified individuals into the profession of nursing.

Article III: Membership

Each chapter can set additional requirements and specific timeframes for provisional membership after a student has met the minimum standards:

- Earned grade point average (GPA) of 3.5) or better by the end of first year of nursing courses or any of the subsequent semesters.
- No previous failures of any nursing class
- Students would be invited to provisional membership after successful completion of the above.

Full membership is granted in the final semester of study if student earns a grade point average of 3.5 or better. Students shall have demonstrated conduct on campus and the clinical areas that reflects integrity and professionalism.

Article IV: Activities

Purpose:

The OADN Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society shall sponsor one educational or recruitment project during the provisional membership period prior to the induction ceremony at the discretion of the advisor.

Criteria:

The project must be approved by the faculty advisor(s). The project must be conducted by the provisional members and full participation is required. The activity is a requirement for full membership.

Article V: Officers**Section 1.**

The OADN Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society shall elect a President, Vice President, and Secretary from the body of the provisional members.

Section 2.

The President of the society shall be responsible to call a minimum of two meetings, or more, as needed, during the third semester. He/She shall be responsible to conduct the meetings, transact business, appoint members to committees, and communicate information of the society's activities to the membership. The President shall only have voting powers to break a tie. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member on all committees. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall serve the duties of the President.

Section 3.

The Secretary shall be responsible to provide at least one-week notification to the membership of meetings to be held. He/She shall maintain clear and concise minutes of all meetings. All minutes of the meetings are to be forwarded to the advisor(s).

Section 4.

A faculty advisor(s) shall serve to assist and facilitate the activities of the society. He/She shall meet with the officers, as needed, to provide advice and counsel in promoting the objectives of the society. He/She is responsible to keep the entire nursing faculty informed of the society's activities. The faculty advisor(s) shall be responsible to submit the annual report to OADN.

Article VI: Fees

No Fees will be charged to membership. Expenses for cords and pins will be absorbed by Cochran School of Nursing. Each member who has met the requirements for induction into the society shall be bestowed the society membership pin and honor cord at the induction ceremony. The Alpha Delta Nu chapter shall submit an annual report by July 1.

Article VII: Induction Ceremony

The induction ceremony shall take place during the final semester of the core curriculum. The ceremony shall be dignified and reflect the honor being bestowed for academic excellence in the educational pursuit of nursing as well as the essence of what it means to be a nurse. Each chapter will be able to create the induction ceremony that will embody these elements.

Article VIII: Chapter Status

Active Chapters – The hosting institution's associate degree nursing program maintains annual Program Membership with the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing. An active honor society chapter holds an induction ceremony, completes an educational or recruitment project, and files an annual report.

Inactive Chapters – Not abolishing chapter, but unable to hold inductions or complete projects. No annual report required. Not listed on official active chapter list. To be reinstated, must notify the CEO of OADN and the National Chair of Alpha Delta Nu.

Charter Withdrawn – Schools that have eliminated associate degree nursing programs or schools that have closed.

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