

Alpha Eta Society

National Scholarship Honor Society for the Allied Health Professions



*Wichita State University
College of Health Professions*



Bylaws for the WSU CHP Chapter of the Alpha Eta Society

These Chapter Bylaws shall be in accordance with the Bylaws for the Alpha Eta Society, Inc. available at the national Alpha Eta Society website at <http://www.alphaeta.net>.

ARTICLE I – Name, Purpose, and Active Membership

- I.A. Established in November, 1982, the official national designation of this organization is Wichita State University Chapter 25. This organization shall be called the Wichita State University College of Health Professions Chapter of the Alpha Eta Society.
- I.B. The motto of the Chapter is “Together We Serve.”
- I.C. The colors of the Chapter are green and white.
- I.D. The purpose of the Chapter is the promotion and recognition of significant scholarship, leadership, and contributions to the Allied Health professions as well as to promote and support the vision, mission, and guiding principles of the WSU College of Health Professions.
- I.E. The active membership consists of faculty and alumni inducted into the WSU CHP Chapter as well as active members of the Society who change residence and wish to affiliate with WSU as their local Chapter.
- I.F. Faculty members have the right to vote and hold office.

ARTICLE II – Eligibility for Induction

- II.A. No more than **20%** of the graduating class of a specified unit/program shall be invited to membership, or in those programs with less than 10 students, no more than two (2) students will be invited to membership in any given academic year.
- II.B. Undergraduate and Graduate Student Inductees: Those Allied Health students who:
 - 1. are in their last year of enrollment in an Allied Health program leading to an associate, baccalaureate, master or doctoral degree,
 - 2. have maintained an overall **GPA ≥ 3.5** for undergraduate students or a **GPA ≥ 3.8** for graduate students while enrolled in the Allied Health program,
 - 3. have shown capacity for leadership and achievement (i.e. promise for the profession) in their chosen Allied Health field, and
 - 4. have been recommended by Chapter members and approved by the Dean of the CHP.

- II.C. Certificate Candidates: Those students who are enrolled in a program leading to a certificate of professional competency in an Allied Health program who:
1. are in their last year of enrollment in an Allied Health post-degree certificate program,
 2. hold an associate's, baccalaureate, or graduate degree prior to the completion of the professional certificate program,
 3. have shown capacity for leadership and achievement (i.e. promise for the profession) in their chosen Allied Health field, and
 4. have been recommended by Chapter members and approved by the Dean of the CHP.
- II.D. Faculty Inductees: The faculty membership shall consist of faculty who:
1. demonstrate evidence of distinguished scholarship and service to Allied Health education or practice,
 2. are members of or contribute to the CHP Allied Health programs,
 3. have a minimum of the equivalent of three (3) years of full-time academic experience in their discipline or have attained tenure, and
 4. have been recommended by Chapter members and approved by the Dean of the CHP.
- II.E. Honorary Inductees: Honorary membership in the Society shall be restricted to those who are not eligible for active membership but who have given evidence of distinguished scholarship and rendered distinguished service to Allied Health. Individuals may be nominated for honorary membership in the Society upon vote by the Chapter membership. The national secretary must be notified of all those nominated for honorary membership prior to induction (see national Bylaws).

ARTICLE III – Officers and Governance

- III.A. The Chapter's Executive Committee shall consist of a representative from each of the CHP Allied Health academic units. Each academic unit shall determine the process for selection of their representative and term of the appointment.
- III.B. The Chapter officers shall be elected by the Executive Committee from the Committee members. Chapter officers shall consist of a President and Secretary/Treasurer. The President shall serve a two (2) year term and the Secretary/Treasurer shall serve a three (3) year term.
- III.C. The President shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the Office of President including but not limited to:
1. preparing for the annual induction ceremony,
 2. requesting lists of student and faculty inductees each spring,
 3. chairing Chapter meetings,
 4. coordinating the Alpha Eta Outstanding Student award recipients each spring and fall, and
 5. coordinating and submitting nominations of Chapter inductees for the national Alpha Eta student awards.

- III.D. The Secretary/Treasurer shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence. The President shall perform the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer in his/her absence and/or appoint a new Secretary/Treasurer from the Executive Committee.
- III.E. The Secretary/Treasurer shall perform such duties as usually pertain to the Office of Secretary/Treasurer including but not limited to:
1. being responsible for Chapter funds and related documents,
 2. keeping a record of the Chapter business, membership, and preserving all information of interest to the Chapter,
 3. conducting correspondence for the Chapter,
 4. issuing membership certificates,
 5. collecting annual dues and initiation fees,
 6. paying annual dues to the national Society, and
 7. reporting to the national Society each August, the names of the Chapter officers as well as promptly reporting any changes in officers during the year.

ARTICLE IV – Expenses and Dues

- IV.A. The initiation fee for a new student inductee is \$10 and the initiation fee for a new faculty inductee is \$20.
- IV.B. The annual renewal fee for all members is \$10 annually.
- IV.C. Lifetime membership fee for student inductees/alumni is a one-time \$50 fee and the lifetime membership fee for faculty is a one-time \$100 fee.
- IV.D. Chapter expenses that exceed \$100 and are outside of the usual expenses for the induction ceremony, Alpha Eta Outstanding Student Awards, and usual mailings, must be approved by a vote of the Alpha Eta Executive Committee.