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Leadership, Scholarship, and Service: Examining Historical Vision as a Path to Future Nursing Excellence

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Abstract Summary:

At the end of this presentation the listener will be able to: Discuss the he founders of the organization. 1. Discuss the he founders of the organization. Discuss the origins of Sigma Theta Tau and the vision/purpose of the founders of the organization. 2. Describe the impact of examining historical principles as a path to leadership innovation, nursing science, global-mindedness, and civic responsibility.

Learning Activity:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	EXPANDED CONTENT OUTLINE
Discuss the origins of Sigma Theta Tau and the vision/purpose of the founders of the organization.	The vision and historical vision of STTI founders will be discussed. Also addressed will be how this vision has shaped leadership, scholarship and service in nursing in the present day as well as how this will continue to shape the future of nursing.
Describe the impact of examining historical principles as a path to leadership innovation, nursing science, global-mindedness, and civic responsibility.	Information will be provided about leadership innovation, nursing science, global-mindedness, and civic responsibility. The factors that play a role in the development of these characteristics in the professional nursing. How historical vision shapes a path for the future of nursing.

Abstract Text:

The creation of innovation often stems from bending current conceptions. In 1922, nursing bore a resemblance to a group of skilled workers caring for the hygiene needs and comfort of patients rather than intelligent, decision-making, innovative leaders. The founders of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) had a different vision of nursing. This vision has served nursing for just under a century. Since the genesis of STTI, the organization has worked to improve the nursing leadership skills, nursing science, global minded-ness and an appreciation for civic responsibility. Through the use of grant monies, workshops, conferences, and collaboration, members of sigma theta tau across the world have shown leadership innovation and have improved nursing science. Sigma leaders have shown a tremendous ability to engage nurses in science and research, and have inspired, at least four generations of nursing leaders.

The ideals and purposes of the profession of nursing are many, however, through leadership, scholarship and service to the discipline, innovation can be the driving force behind the changes, choices and direction of the profession. The original leaders had a vision of nursing excellence framed on recognizing and providing support for superior achievement, leadership, high professional standards, and creativity in the discipline. This has led to an explosion in memberships worldwide and a greater sense of purpose among those who participate. This inspiration continues to serve nurse leaders as they create and implement nursing science, as they engage global perspectives at a local, state and national level, and as they create and pass on a sense of civic responsibility for nurses.

The purpose of this presentation is to discuss the vision of the founders of STTI and to demonstrate how their vision has led to the continued creation of inspired leaders across the world.