

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



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Background

In 1922 six nursing students and one instructor at Indiana University training School for Nurses had a vision of an honor society for nurses. STT was founded based upon the principles of nursing excellence and those who were invited to be members had to display characteristics including: outstanding academic achievement, moral responsibility. Today, we have redefined what these imperatives mean to STTI and how the founders original ideas and role-modeling behaviors of the founders play a role in STTI today.



Objectives

- Discuss the origins of Sigma Theta Tau and the founders vision/purpose of the organization
- Describe the impact of examining historical principles and making links to leadership, innovation, nursing science, global-mindedness and civic responsibility

Methods

- Reflections on Nursing Leadership* was searched
- Articles were randomly selected
- Content analysis of articles was performed
- Various statements were coded and themes emerged
- Comparisons were made between current themes leadership in nursing and STTI founders original purpose



Results

Leadership Innovation

Lingemann	Hospital supervisor	Hoffmeyer (2016)	"In nursing, we "jump ship" to follow leaders who influence us to achieve the best outcomes for those we serve."
Adams	Pediatric supervisor and director of nursing		

Nursing Science

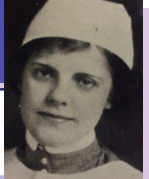
McWilliams -Miller	Conducted field research for the Dade County Health Department	Weinert (2009)	"Solid evidence-based nursing practice is built on solid nursing research, so it is not surprising that nursing research is nearly borderless"



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Global-Mindedness

Tolle Wright	Red Cross Service and clinic nurse in Nepal	Bristol (2010)	Volunteer Nursing Faculty in Haiti. "Check your ego at the door...unless you are ready to learn, you won't be able to teach"
Moore-Copeland	Peace Corp		



Civic Responsibility

Russel-Belford	Board Service-San Diego Neighborhoods House, Francis W. Parker School, Children's Home and Home for the Aged	Van de Pasch (2016)	"Making life better for people is what nursing is about and what nurses do" – On giving time and money to make life better for other people



Conclusions

A comparison of the original founders conception of STTI and current day exemplars of Leadership Innovation, Nursing Science, Global-Mindedness and Civic Responsibility show an expanding force of what was originally intended to represent love courage and honor in nursing. collaborate and discuss the future of nursing advancement. The future is NOW.

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