

Welcome to Phi Theta Kappa

Welcome, distinguished student!

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is the official honor society of two-year colleges. This honor society – not a fraternity/sorority – is open to new members only by invitation and only when academic excellence has been achieved. Your involvement will offer you opportunities for Leadership, Fellowship, Service, and Scholarship – the four hallmarks of this prestigious honors organization.

Beta Rho Zeta (BRZ) is the chapter at Northcentral Technical College. We host on-campus and virtual events, engage in community service, participate in state and national leadership conferences, complete an annual College Project, and participate in Honors in Action. We're providing you with the tools you need to be successful in college and beyond. Our chapter is renowned as a Five Star Chapter with an impressive collection of earned awards.

Check out the rest of this brochure for more information about becoming a member and serving as a BRZ student leader at NTC.

Sincerely,
BRZ Advisor Team
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Shawn Sullivan, BRZ Chapter Administrator



Spring 2024 PTK Information Sessions

Learn more about Phi Theta Kappa and what membership means to you!

- Hear about the benefits of joining.
- Learn our longstanding history.
- Discover how you can become involved locally or virtually.
- Learn about the Membership Fund Application.

We'll cover the same information in each 45-minute session so pick the one that best fits your schedule. Register to receive your Zoom login details:
<https://studentlife.ntc.edu/ptk/join>

- Friday, February 23 - 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 5 - 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 20 - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 9 - 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, April 25 - 12:00 p.m.

Need help paying the membership fee?

If you're planning to be an active member with NTC's Beta Rho Zeta chapter, up to \$35 can be paid toward the \$65 one-time membership.

Interested applicants are highly encouraged to attend an information session for more info! You can also contact Krista Reince to discuss at 715.803.1266 or reince@ntc.edu

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for these upcoming opportunities and acceptance deadlines. For event details visit <https://studentlife.ntc.edu/ptk/events>.

- **Tuesday, March 5**

Get to know members with friendly games! Drop by the SLC 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m..



- **Tuesday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m.**

Members are invited visit SLC/Zoom to learn more about the PTK scholarship process.

- **Friday March 29**

Deadline for PTK Membership Fund assistance.

- **Wednesay, April 16 at 4:00 p.m.**

Visit the SLC/Zoom to learn how to use PTK in your job search.

- **Tuesday, April 30**

New members are invited to attend the Induction Ceremony.



- **Friday, May 3**

Last day to accept membership during spring enrollment period

Have questions?

Get in touch with co-advisor Krista Reince at 715.803.1266 or reince@ntc.edu

A Dozen Reasons to Accept Membership



- Receive recognition for your academic achievement.
- Celebrate your hard work and dedication during a formal induction ceremony.
- Create lifelong friendships with other PTK members at NTC.
- Build your network with NTC staff, faculty and administrators.
- Develop relationships and professional connections throughout the state and possibly around the world.
- Take advantage of unique professional and leadership development opportunities to enhance your soft skills, including PTK Edge - exclusive online professional development plan for career, transfer, and soft skills.
- Build your experiences and your resume as you make an impact in your community by participating in our service opportunities.
- Earn priority to attend national conventions by becoming a part of the BRZ student leadership team! Past locations have included Orlando, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Antonio and Washington, D.C.
- Access over \$246 million available in scholarships, especially by being an active BRZ member.
- Build up NTC and the community through Honors in Action and College Project.



- Visit other Wisconsin technical colleges and interact with Wisconsin PTK members at conventions and workshops.
- Continue the success of NTC's award-winning PTK Chapter: Beta Rho Zeta.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I become a member?

You'll receive an invitation by email and mail once you've cumulatively completed 12 credits and have a 3.5 or higher GPA. Follow the instructions in the invitation and pay the one-time \$65 membership fee.

What happens if I cannot afford the \$65 membership fee?

BRZ partnered with the NTC Foundation to establish the Phi Theta Kappa Membership Fund Scholarship which assists students in financial hardships. This scholarship is through an application process and a few students are selected each year. Those students who plan to be active within Beta Rho Zeta are favored in the selection process. For more information, please review the Membership Fund Application available at <https://studentlife.ntc.edu/ptk/join> or contact Krista at 715.803.1266 or reince@ntc.edu.

What is the time commitment?

While PTK members are not required to be active and make a specific time commitment, it is the active members who truly receive the greatest benefits. Active members have the opportunity to

- Attend regional, state and national leadership functions,
- Build their resumes through participation in college and community service, and
- Be strong candidates for scholarships.

What scholarships are available?

Each year Phi Theta Kappa awards approximately \$1 million in scholarships plus an additional \$245 million available through transfer partner scholarships. Some scholarships are awarded to students completing their two-year degree, while other transfer scholarships are available to those intending to pursue a four-year college degree or entering the workforce. Learn more about scholarships at www.ptk.org.

Active members of NTC's chapter have an additional opportunity to receive the Beta Rho Zeta Pillars of Honor Scholarship. The \$500 scholarship is awarded each spring semester for use in the following fall semester at NTC. It can be applied toward tuition and books.

How can I be active as a member?

At NTC, we encourage students to participate in our chapter events and/or join in via the student leadership team. Many of our events and meetings are offered in a hybrid format where students can participate at our Wausau campus or from anywhere in the world! Active students leave a lasting mark at the college and within the community. They increase leadership skills, grow their ability to work as a team, build a network within the college/community, and have a lot of experience to add to their resume and future job interviews.

In addition to the leadership team, we offer monthly membership meetings, one to two service projects a semester, and one to two fellowship/social events each semester. These are open to all our student members, and students can attend as many as they desire. (There is no minimum attendance requirement. It's up to each individual student to determine the experience they want to have.)

What if I would like to travel or attend conferences but cannot afford it?

The chapter funds all travel to PTK functions including; transportation, lodging and food. Members are responsible for any incidentals during off-campus PTK sanctioned events. Those members who are chapter officers or leaders within the chapter often get priority to travel.

Do honor societies only focus on grades and academics? Will I have fun?

As an honor society, the organization does encourage and recognize academic success. However, the organization also values leadership development, community service and fellowship opportunities. If you choose to become active in PTK/BRZ, you can expect to have opportunities to make new friends, develop your leadership skills, travel, work as part of a team, and participate in projects that can make a positive impact in the lives of others. This honor society offers something for everyone!

