



Planning Calendar

Tentative schedule, subject to change. Check counseling.org/conference for updates.

Wednesday, March 17

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Governing Council

Thursday, March 18

7:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration Open
8:00 am – 5:00 pm Governing Council
8:00 am – 6:00 pm ACA Committee Meetings
8:00 am – 6:00 pm Division Meetings
9:00 am – 8:45 pm Pre-conference Learning Institutes
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Division Luncheons

Friday, March 19

7:00 am – 7:00 pm Registration Open
8:00 am – 12:00 pm Governing Council
8:00 am – 4:00 pm ACA/Red Cross Foundations of Disaster Mental Health Training
8:00 am – 6:00 pm Division Meetings
9:00 am – 8:45 pm Pre-conference Learning Institutes
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Division Luncheons
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Branch Executives Meeting
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Region Chairs Meeting
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Exposition Grand Opening and Welcome Reception
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm ACA Author Book Signing

Saturday, March 20

7:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration Open
7:30 am – 5:00 pm Division Meetings
7:30 am – 5:00 pm ACA Committee Meetings
7:30 am – 6:30 pm Education Sessions
9:00 am – 10:30 am Opening Session Keynote
10:30 am – 12:00 pm Region Business Meetings
10:30 am – 6:00 pm Exposition Open
10:30 am – 6:00 pm ACA Bookstore Open
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Division Brunches
11:00 am – 5:30 pm Poster Sessions
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm First Timers Orientation & Mentoring Lunch
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Division Luncheons
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm ACA Author Book Signing
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Division Receptions
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm ACA Opening Social
9:00 pm – 12:00 am ACA Opening Party

Sunday, March 21

7:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration Open
7:30 am – 9:00 am Division Breakfasts
7:30 am – 6:30 pm Education Sessions
8:00 am – 6:00 pm Division Meetings
9:00 am – 10:30 am ACA Keynote Speaker
10:30 am – 6:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open
10:30 am – 6:00 pm ACA Bookstore Open
10:30 am – 12:00 pm Region Officers Meeting
11:00 am – 5:30 pm Poster Sessions
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Division Brunches
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Division Luncheons
5:00 pm – 12:00 am Division Receptions
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm ACA National Awards Ceremony

Monday, March 22

7:00 am – 1:00 pm Registration Open
7:30 am – 1:30 pm Education Sessions
8:00 am – 4:00 pm Division Meetings
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm ACA General Membership Meeting

Location of Activities

Activities that will be held at the

David L. Lawrence Convention Center:

Pre-conference Learning Institutes • Education Sessions • Exposition and all Exposition Activities (Career Center, ACA Bookstore, Poster Sessions, Graduate Student Center, ACA Resource Center, Cyber Center) • Keynote Presentations • ACA/Red Cross Foundations of Disaster Mental Health Training • ACA Opening Social

Activities that will be held at the Westin

Convention Center Pittsburgh hotel:

All Division Activities • ACA Committee Meetings • First Timers Orientation and Mentoring Luncheon

The David L. Lawrence Convention Center is adjacent to the Westin Convention Center hotel. The Convention Center address is 1000 Ft. Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15222



Highlights & Special Events

Networking, global dialogue, and other special events.

Saturday, March 20

First Timers Orientation and Mentoring Luncheon

Are you a new ACA member? First-time attendee? This is just what you need! Sign up for this special gathering where you will mingle with leaders in the profession, meet other first-timers, and learn how to navigate through the conference. *Tickets are \$40 per person while they last; this event often sells out and tickets are not available onsite. Use the Registration form to sign up.*

Opening Night Social/Opening Night Celebration

Join us for an evening of entertainment, live music, and dancing. Greet old friends and meet new ones at this social event of the year for counselors! For the first hour, enjoy soft music while you socialize. Then, starting at 9:00 pm the party revs up with live music, dancing, and refreshments. *One ticket is included with each full registration. Additional tickets: \$45 per person. Use the Registration form or purchase additional tickets onsite.*

Hans Hoxter International Forum

Hans Z. Hoxter was the founder and Honorary Life President of the International Association for Counselling. Through Hoxter's vision, counseling has been advanced as a force for human empowerment throughout the world and ACA holds this program each year to continue the global dialogue. Dr. Angela Gordon Stair, head of Counselling Services at the University of the West Indies at Mona in Kingston, Jamaica will be the guest speaker.

Sunday, March 21

ACA National Awards Ceremony

(Sponsored by the ACA Foundation)

Join your colleagues in celebration of distinguished counseling professionals who are making an impact on the profession. Co-hosted by the ACA Awards Committee, this gala event will recognize ACA award winners and Foundation benefactors. *Admission is free; contributions to the ACA Foundation accepted.*

International Student Panel/International Reception

A panel of graduate students from various countries will discuss their perception of counseling based upon their cultural contexts and their educational experiences in U.S.

graduate programs. Students will also share thoughts on what they've learned about counseling in the U.S and how it might be applied in their home countries.

The International Reception follows. Meet the leaders and attendees from counseling associations around the world. A great opportunity to connect and cultivate partnerships on an international level.

ACA/American Red Cross Foundations of Disaster Mental Health Training

Friday, March 19, 8:00 am–4:00 pm
For ACA members • Earn 6.5 CEs

NOTICE: This course is free, however, you must preregister and must meet the requirements listed below. Each year this class fills up very fast and unfortunately we must turn people away; with strict class size requirements we cannot register anyone onsite.

In a disaster environment, mental health services are in high demand and ACA often helps in the deployment of trained professionals to the disaster site. To take this free course, you must meet these qualifications:

1. You must be licensed for independent practice by a State Counseling Licensure Board. Counselors in a two-tier state must be licensed at the higher, independent practice level; or a School counselor or school psychologist who has successfully completed a masters or doctoral degree and holds a current state license or state certification.
3. You must have a valid practicing license at the time of training.
4. You must be a current ACA member.
5. You must pre-register. No onsite registrations can be accepted.

Class size is limited. To request registration materials, contact Debbie Beales at dbeales@counseling.org or 800-347-6647, x306.

All materials and other required information must be received and approved by the Red Cross before acceptance to the training is granted. If you will not be attending the ACA conference, but are still interested in taking this training, you can contact your local chapter Red Cross by typing in your zip code at www.redcross.org (this brings up your local chapter's contact information) to find out when they will be conducting this training in your area.