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It's Where You Belong!

Membership in ACA opens doors to

lifelong resources and benefits:

- ☀ *Professional Development*
- ☀ *Education*
- ☀ *Advocacy*
- ☀ *Credibility*
- ☀ *Networking*

Your purpose **is our mission.**

The mission of the American Counseling Association (ACA) is to enhance the quality of life in society by promoting the development of professional counselors, advancing the counseling profession, and using the profession and practice of counseling to promote respect for human dignity and diversity.

ACA is the world's largest association exclusively representing the community of counselors in various practice settings. ACA provides you with professional development, continuing education opportunities, advocacy services, credibility, and networking opportunities.

ACA helps counseling professionals like you develop your skills and expand your knowledge base.





ACA represents you **as a counseling professional.**

In your career as a counseling professional, you touch thousands of lives every day. You help people with personal, social, educational and career concerns. You help them make decisions, solve problems, and adjust to change. Membership in ACA can help you do it all. At every stage of your career — student to seasoned professional — ACA will help you be your very best.

Here's a glimpse of what's in it for you:

Maximize your potential — **Professional Development**

- ☀ ACA offers **FREE ethics consultation** FIVE days a week with a 72 hour inquiry response time by licensed professional counselors with a **PERSONAL TOUCH**.
- ☀ **ACA Career Services** not only provides information about careers in counseling, you will also gain access to specially-selected counseling jobs through our alliance with Career Builder.
- ☀ **Private Practice Resources** — ACA offers a variety of books and online courses specific to private practice. In addition, ACA has partnered with Robert J. Walsh, NCC, LCPC and Norman C. Dasenbrook, LCPC, who have over 50 years combined experience in the mental health field (including over 30 years in private practice) and are consultants in counseling practice management, to offer a series of bulletins on various private practice topics.
- ☀ The **ACA Insurance Trust (ACAIT)** promotes and administers quality insurance and services at competitive rates. Your livelihood is protected with ACA's professional liability policy.
- ☀ The **ACA Foundation**, the philanthropic arm of the association, supports counselors through the Counselors Care Fund, Foundation publications and programs such as *Growing Happy and Confident Kids*, and grants and competitions offering awards as well as financial assistance to its members.

Stay Ahead of the Learning Curve — **Education**

- ☀ The **ACA Annual Conference & Exposition** is an annual event featuring a treasure trove of programs that provide continuing education.
- ☀ **ACA Online Learning and podcasts** provide professional development courses (post-degree for licensure or certification renewal credit) designed to help you fulfill your ethical responsibility to stay current in the field.
- ☀ ACA's monthly magazine, *Counseling Today*; quarterly journal of counseling research, *Journal of Counseling & Development*; bi-weekly e-news bulletin, *ACAeNews*; website, counseling.org, **Research Center** and **Online Library of resources** are all designed to expand your knowledge, increase your skills and provide you with up-to-date information on the counseling profession.



Make an impact on the counseling care of tomorrow — **Advocacy**

- ☀ As an ACA member, you're part of a powerful force. A highly effective advocate for counseling, ACA leads the legislative charge on every contemporary issue facing the profession. ACA provides the latest information on legislation that directly affects the counseling profession, and those who you serve, as well as updates on funding and program support at the national and state levels.
- ☀ The **ACA Government Relations listserv** provides you with up-to-date alerts on new legislation affecting the counseling profession at a grassroots level through national and state affiliations.

Proud to be a counseling professional — **Credibility**

- ☀ **Name recognition:** To be recognized as an ACA member brings a wealth of prestige and credibility.
- ☀ By stating you are a member of ACA on your business and marketing materials assures those you serve that you are committed to the counseling profession, and that you adhere to the ACA Code of Ethics.

Expand your connections — **Networking**

- ☀ As an ACA member, you have access to numerous networking opportunities and a wide range of resources guaranteed to keep you in the loop professionally.
- ☀ The **ACA Annual Conference & Exposition** is an ideal networking event for approximately 3,000 counseling professionals to participate in disseminating and receiving valuable professional ideas and experiences.
- ☀ **ACA interest networks and listservs** link you to your area of interest or specialty.
- ☀ **Division and Branch memberships** provide an opportunity to be more closely connected with your colleagues working in your specific interest and practice areas, and in your state.

Wait, there's more — **Discounts**

- ☀ Members receive exclusive discounts on all ACA resources and services, as well as discounts from outside organizations.
- ☀ ACA has created partnerships with industry leaders in insurance, credit, travel, identity theft and much more!
- ☀ As you can see, membership in ACA can save you time and money; provide you with professional development and continuing education opportunities; help protect your future through legislative and public policy outreach; provide prestige and credibility, and increase your network of counseling professional contacts.

4 Ways to Join ACA Today

Phone

800-347-6647 x222 • 703-823-9800 x222
M-F, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., ET.
Please have your credit card ready.

Fax

703-461-9260

Web

www.counseling.org

Mail

American Counseling Association
P.O. Box 791006
Baltimore, MD 21279-1006

Not able to pay for your membership at once?

Take advantage of the three-month installment plan. (See details on the attached membership application or contact the ACA Member Services Department at 800-347-6647, x222, (M-F, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., ET).

There shall be no discrimination against any individual on the basis of ethnic group, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, and/or disability.

**Join ACA Today...
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ACA Divisions

ACA strongly encourages its members to join one or more of the following divisions. Division membership provides a unique opportunity to network with peers in your own discipline or field of expertise.

***(AAACE) Association for Assessment in Counseling and Education** Assessment and testing issues, guidelines and standards. Newsletter; Journal: *Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development*.

***(AADA) Association for Adult Development and Aging** Counseling concerns across the human life span. Newsletter; *Adultspan Journal*.

(ACC) Association for Creativity in Counseling Creative arts and relational and complementary therapies in counseling. Newsletter; *The Journal of Creativity in Mental Health*.

***(ACCA) American College Counseling Association** College counseling and student development in higher education. Newsletter; *Journal of College Counseling*.

(ACEG) Association for Counselors and Educators in Government Counselors and educators in government and military-related agencies. Newsletter.

(ACES) Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Quality education and supervision of counselors for all work settings. Newsletter; Journal: *Counselor Education and Supervision*.

(ALGBTIC) Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling Education on issues related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender clients. Newsletter; *Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling*.

(AMCD) Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development Improving cultural, ethnic, and racial understanding in counseling and defending human and civil rights as prescribed by law. Newsletter; *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*.

(AMHCA) American Mental Health Counselors Association Advocates for mental health counselors in public and private practice. Newsletter; *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*. Call 800-326-2642 or visit www.amhca.org for membership information.

***(ARCA) American Rehabilitation Counseling Association** Advocates for quality services and increased opportunities for people with disabilities. Newsletter included in journal, *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin*.

(ASCA) American School Counselor Association Encourages interest in activities that affect personal, educational, and career development of students. Magazine; Journal: *Professional School Counseling*. Call 800-306-4722 or visit www.schoolcounselor.org to join.

***(ASERVIC) Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling** Role of spiritual, ethical, religious, and other human values in counseling and development. Newsletter; Journal: *Counseling and Values*.

***(ASGW) Association for Specialists in Group Work** Supports standards, research and ethical practices for group work. Newsletter; *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*.

(C-AHEAD) Counseling Association for Humanistic Education and Development Supports humanistic values, a belief in reason, education, and knowledge in the service of mankind. Electronic newsletter in development; *Journal of Humanistic Counseling, Education and Development*.

(CSJ) Counselors for Social Justice Promotion of individual and collective social responsibility. Newsletter; Electronic journal.

(IAAOC) International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors Issues related to addictions and/or criminal justice. Newsletter; *Journal of Addictions & Offender Counseling*.

***(IAMFC) International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors** Promotes excellence in the practice of couple and family counseling. Newsletter; *The Family Journal*.

***(NCDA) National Career Development Association** Supports counselors in all settings focusing on career development. Newsletter; Journal: *Career Development Quarterly*.

***(NECA) National Employment Counseling Association** Dedicated to helping people prepare for, enter, understand, and progress in the world of work. Newsletter; *Journal of Employment Counseling*.

Use the chart below to make your selections and then write your selections on the Membership Application

	Professional	Regular	New Professional	Student
ACA	\$155	\$155	\$89	\$89
AACE	\$40*	\$40*	\$30*	\$30*
AADA	\$40	\$40/\$40*	\$24	\$24
ACC	\$40	\$40	\$28	\$28
ACCA	\$40/40*	\$40/40*	\$30/\$40*	\$30/\$40*
ACEG	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$20
ACES	\$65	—	\$27	\$27
ALGBTIC	\$45	\$45	\$25	\$25
AMCD	—	\$40	\$30	\$30
AMHCA	To join call 800-326-2642 or visit www.amhca.org			
ARCA	\$70*	\$70*	\$15*	\$15*
ASCA	To join call 800-306-4722 or visit www.schoolcounselor.org			
ASERVIC	\$40	\$40/\$50*	\$20	\$20
ASGW	\$40*	\$40*	\$27*	\$27*
C-AHEAD	\$45	\$45	\$35	\$35
CSJ	\$35	\$35	\$20	\$20
IAAOC	\$48	\$48	\$30	\$30
IAMFC	\$60*	\$60*	\$44*	\$44*
NCDA	\$55	\$55*	\$23*	\$23*
NECA	\$50*	\$50*	\$24*	\$24*

*Add the \$10 processing fee on the membership application if you join one or more of the following Divisions: AACE [any category]; AADA [Regular (Associate)]; ACCA [any category]; ARCA [any category]; ASERVIC [Regular (Affiliate)]; ASGW [any category]; IAMFC [any category]; NCDA [Regular, New Professional, Student]; and NECA [any category].

Call Member Services at 800-347-6647 x222 for information on joining your branch (state) association.

Five Steps to Your ACA Membership 2008-09

[1.] REFERRED BY _____ **REFERRER'S ACA ID#** _____ Source Code R O A R O 8

Full Name of Applicant _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____
(e.g., "Robert" not "Bob")

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Organization _____

Work Phone () _____ Home Phone () _____ Cell No. () _____

E-mail _____ Fax () _____

Membership in ACA means that you will abide by ACA's bylaws and other governing documents and are qualified for the membership category selected. By becoming an ACA member, you are agreeing to be subject to the rules, regulations, and enforcement of the terms of the ACA Code of Ethics (available to you at counseling.org/ethics) that can include appropriate sanctions up to suspension or expulsion from ACA and public notice about any such action.

[2.] Select Your ACA Membership

- \$155.00 Professional:** Individuals who hold a master's degree or higher in counseling or a closely related field from a college or university accredited by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. Proof of academic credentials may be requested.
- \$155.00 Regular:** Individuals whose interests and activities are consistent with those of ACA, but who are not qualified for Professional membership.
- \$89.00 New Professional:** Individuals who have graduated with a masters or a doctorate within the past 12 months. Status is good for one year. Please indicate date of graduation (month/year) ____/____ and institution _____.
- \$89.00 Student:** Individuals who are enrolled at least half-time in a college or university program. Please indicate anticipated date of graduation (month/year) ____/____ and institution _____.

[3.] Choose Your Division Membership Dues (Optional)

I wish to enhance my professional opportunities by joining the following Divisions. See chart on back page for fees. Print Division acronyms on line below, select member type and enter appropriate fees.

1. _____ Professional \$ _____
 Regular \$ _____
 New Professional \$ _____
 Student \$ _____
2. _____ Professional \$ _____
 Regular \$ _____
 New Professional \$ _____
 Student \$ _____

[4.] Make A Voluntary Contribution (Tax Deductible)

Optional, but a great way to support the profession!

- ACA Foundation \$ _____
- David K. Brooks Jr. Distinguished Mentor Award \$ _____
- Human Concerns Fund \$ _____
- Legal Defense Fund \$ _____
- Professional Advocacy Fund \$ _____
- Gilbert & Kathleen Wrenn Award \$ _____

Total of Membership Dues (Add total amounts from steps 2 and 3)

Want to avoid dues increases, save on postage, and reduce paperwork?

Join now for 2 years at the current rate(s) by simply doubling the current dues.

ACA Membership - 1 year \$ _____

Division Membership - 1 year \$ _____

ACA Membership - 2 years \$ _____

Division Membership - 2 years \$ _____

\$10 Processing Fee* (See definition below) \$ _____

Voluntary Contribution(s) (Check fund(s) from #4) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED (add all items above) \$ _____

*Applies only when you join one or more of the following WITHOUT also joining ACA. AACE [any category]; AADA [Regular (Associate)]; ACCA [any category]; ARCA [any category]; ASERVIC [Regular (Affiliate)]; ASGW [any category]; IAMFC [any category]; NCDA [Regular, New Professional, Student]; or NECA [any category]. Add \$10 in the space provided.

ACA Automatic Membership Renewal Option

Continuous Member benefits without interruption.

I authorize ACA to automatically renew my membership annually in my anniversary month, at the rates effective at that time for my ACA/Division membership(s) using my credit card information. (Your membership card and receipt will be provided). (To update your membership information, and/or cancel the Automatic Renewal Option, please contact ACA Member Services at 800-347-6647, x222 or 703-823-9800, x222, M-F 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET.)

[5.] Payment Method

Total amount enclosed or to be charged \$ _____

- Check or money order, payable to ACA in U.S. funds, enclosed.
- VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

CVC Code: AmEx (4 digits above credit card #) _____ VISA, MC, Discover (last 3 digits next to signature line) _____

Cardholder's Name (print) _____

Phone () _____

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Three-month Payment Option Plan

- I elect to pay in 3 equal monthly installments (only available for payment by credit or debit card). A \$2 processing fee will be charged on both the 2nd & 3rd installments.
- Total amount to be charged (divide total amount by 3) = \$ _____**
- VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Valid through 6/30/09

Phone 703-823-9800 x222, 800-347-6647 x222 M-F, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., ET. Have your credit card ready • Fax 703-461-9260 or 800-473-2329

Web counseling.org • Mail Application and payment to: ACA Member Services, P.O. Box 791006, Baltimore, MD 21279-1006



Getting to Know You Better!

In order to provide you with the necessary resources, tools, products and services—all designed with you in mind, please complete the following checklist about you and your profession, which will remain in your confidential member record.

How did you learn about ACA?

- 1 Colleague/word of mouth
- 2 Professor
- 3 Internet/Website
- 4 ACA Publications
- 5 Received advertising in the mail
- 6 Through my liability insurance provider

Current Position

- 1 Professional Counselor
- 2 Counselor Educator
- 3 Administrator
- 4 College Student Affairs
- 5 Research/Evaluation/Measurement
- 6 Retired
- 7 Student
- 8 No longer working in the counseling field
- 9 Other

Primary Work Setting

- 1 Business/Industry
- 2 Career Development
- 3 College/University
- 4 Community Agency
- 5 Correctional Facility
- 6 Government/Military
- 7 Independent Practice
- 8 Pastoral/Religious
- 9 Rehabilitation
- 10 Elementary School
- 11 Middle/Junior H.S.
- 12 Secondary/Senior H.S.
- 13 K-12
- 14 School District Office
- 15 Vocational/Technical School
- 16 Association/Foundation

If not in independent practice full-time, do you have a part-time independent practice?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Education

- 1 Doctorate
- 2 Education Specialist
- 3 Master's
- 4 Bachelor's
- 5 Associate
- 6 Doctoral student now
- 7 Master's student now

Years Employed as a Counselor

- 1 1-5
- 2 6-10
- 3 11-15
- 4 16-20
- 5 20+

Ethnicity

- 1 African American
- 2 Asian/Pacific Islander
- 3 Native American
- 4 Hispanic/Latino
- 5 Caucasian
- 6 Other
- 7 Multiracial

Birth year _____

Licensure

Do you hold a license?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Do you currently belong to a state or other Branch of ACA?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Association Membership

Currently a member of:

(check all that apply)

- 1 AACC (Am Assoc Christian Coun)
- 2 AAMFT (Am Assoc Marr & Fam Therapy)
- 3 AAPC (Am Assoc of Pastoral Coun)
- 4 AMHCA (Am Mental Health Coun Assoc)
- 5 APA (Am Psychological Assoc)
- 6 ASCA (Am School Coun Assoc)
- 7 NACAC (Natl Assoc College Adm Coun)
- 8 NAADAC (Assoc for Addiction Professionals)
- 9 NASP (Natl Assoc School Psych)
- 10 NASPA (Natl Assoc Studt Personnel Adm)
- 11 NASW (Natl Assoc Social Workers)
- 12 NRA (Natl Rehabilitation Assoc)

ACA occasionally makes available, to carefully selected applicants, copies of the membership mailing list, including e-mail addresses. Mailing pieces are screened to ensure that content is of professional value and meets the highest standards of this organization. However, if you do not want your mailing information to appear, please check here .

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