



AMERICAN COUNSELING  
ASSOCIATION

# Students

# Join ACA

Where your passion is our purpose.



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*Executive Director*

## Chart Your Course as a counseling professional.

As you Chart Your Course to becoming a counseling professional, you will touch thousands of lives every day. You will help people with personal, social, educational and career concerns. You will 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.

## Your passion. Your profession. Our purpose.

Regardless of your counseling experience or specialty, ACA is fully committed to serving you. With the same passion and sense of purpose you bring to your counseling career, ACA provides unmatched service and solutions to meet your own particular needs.

No matter where you are in your counseling career, from student to decades of experience, ACA's sole purpose is to assist you in your personal and professional development.

Join ACA today and discover what more than 40,000 other professional counselors already know – ACA is the best investment you can make.

# As a student, you need ACA

At ACA, we know how important counselors are to our society—that's why we're so committed to providing unmatched benefits and service to our student members. **Here's a glimpse of what ACA can do for you:**

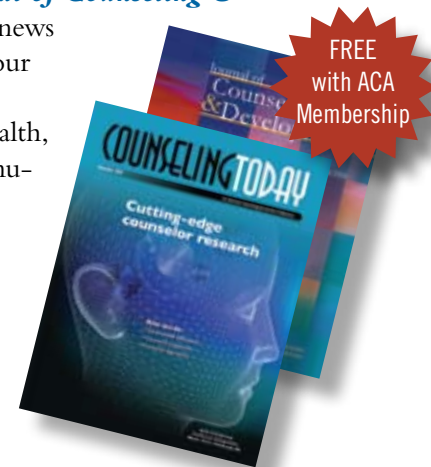
## Professional Development – Maximize your potential

- **Liability Insurance** included in membership for Master's level students so you can focus more on your studies while we protect your livelihood. Also, New Graduates receive 50% discount on Liability Insurance.
- **ACA Career Services** not only provides students with information about careers in counseling, you will also gain access to specially-selected counseling jobs through our alliance with Career Builder. Additional services include assistance with your resume, phone consultation, links to state education department websites, and job search advice from ACA's career development specialist.
- ACA offers students **FREE ethics consultation** FIVE days a week with a 72-hour inquiry response time by licensed professional counselors with a **PERSONAL TOUCH**.
- **Private Practice and Research Resources**—ACA offers a variety of books and online courses specific to private practice.
- The **ACA Insurance Trust** (ACAIT) promotes and administers discounted quality affordable insurance and services at competitive rates for students; Health, Auto, Life and much more.
- Through the **ACA Foundation**, ACA student members can enter the Graduate Student Essay Contest, apply for the Glen E. Hubele National Graduate Student Award, the Ross Trust Scholarship, Graduate Student Grants, and scholarships to attend the ACA Conference. The ACA Foundation places a major emphasis on supporting ACA student members while they are enrolled in counseling programs.



## Stay Ahead of the Learning Curve – Education

- **Learn. Connect. Volunteer.** — The **ACA Annual Conference & Exposition** is an annual event featuring a treasure trove of programs that provide continuing education and ensure your life-long learning. Students can register for the ACA Conference at a reduced student registration rate. Graduate students gather at a special Graduate Student and New Professional Center—a gathering place for students to network with peers from around the country and meet distinguished counselor educators, scholars, and authors. Volunteer at the Conference and save BIG on registration.
- ACA's monthly periodical, **Counseling Today—the magazine!**; quarterly journal of counseling research and practical articles, **Journal of Counseling & Development**; bi-weekly e-news bulletin, **ACAeNews** plus four special focus newsletters: ACAeNews for Mental Health, Private Practice and Community Agency Counselors; ACAeNews for School Counselors; ACAeNews for Counselor Educators; and ACAeNews for Counseling Students and New Professionals are all designed to expand your knowledge, increase your skills and provide you with up-to-date information on the counseling profession.
- ACA Research Center and Online Library is your virtual connection to ERIC/CASS Digest, ACA Conference presentations and other articles of interest organized by topic to help you complete your studies.
- ACA Online Learning and Podcasts are designed to help you fulfill your ethical responsibility to stay current in the field.



# Join Today!



## Make an impact on the counseling care of tomorrow and your job of today – *Advocacy*

- A Student Representative has a voice on the ACA Governing Council, which meets several times each year. The Council actively engages the Student Representative in all governance, membership, and policy issues.



- As an ACA Student 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 you and those whom 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 free up-to-date alerts on new legislation affecting the counseling profession at the national and state level.

## Proud to be an ACA member – *Credibility*

- To be recognized as an American Counseling Association student member brings a wealth of prestige and credibility. Display your ACA membership and profession in style with a beautiful framed membership certificate.
- By stating you are a member of ACA on your resume assures those you seek for employment 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 student 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 the biggest networking opportunity of the year for approximately 3,000 counseling professionals. Meet colleagues from around the world and in your hometown! Rub elbows with well-known authors—whose books you read in college—as well as successful practitioners and ACA leaders.



- 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. Many divisions hold Graduate Student functions at the ACA conference. These functions range from meetings to networking receptions and mentor/mentee get-togethers.

## Wait, there's more – *Discounts*

- Student 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! Visit [counseling.org](http://counseling.org) and click on *Benefits and Services* for more information.

### 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.*



# 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.

## Specialty (check all that apply)

- Addictions/substance abuse
- Administration
- Aging/gerontology
- Alzheimer's/dementia
- Anger management
- Assessment/testing
- Career development
- Children/adolescents
- Chronic illness
- College counseling
- Corrections/prison
- Counselor education
- Counselor supervision
- Couples and family counseling
- Creative art therapies
- Crisis
- Depression
- Domestic violence
- Dual diagnosis/co-occurring
- Eating disorders
- EAP
- Employment counseling
- Foster care
- Gender issues
- GLBT counseling
- Grief
- Group work
- Homelessness
- Life coaching
- Mental illness
- Multicultural counseling
- Pastoral/religious/spiritual counseling
- Rehabilitation counseling
- School counseling
- Sexual abuse
- Sexuality
- Sports counseling
- Stress/stress management
- Suicide
- Trauma
- Veterans
- Wellness
- Not applicable

## Work Setting (check all that apply)

- Assisted Living/nursing home
- Business/industry
- Career Development program/center
- Child protective service
- College/university
- Community/technical college
- Correctional facility
- Counseling agency-private
- Counseling agency-state/county/city
- EAP- Employee assistance program
- Family court/juvenile justice counseling
- Federal government- hospital
- Federal government- social services
- Medical- hospital
- Medical- office building
- Military installation
- Military/veterans hospital
- Military/veterans out-patient
- Pastoral/religious
- Private practice (Full time)
- Private practice (Part time)
- Psychiatric hospital
- Rehabilitation agency
- Retired
- School district office
- School-K-12
- School-elementary
- School-middle/junior high
- School-secondary/senior high
- School-vocational/technical
- Sexual abuse treatment facility
- Student
- Substance abuse treatment center
- No longer working in the counseling field
- Not applicable

## Education

- Doctorate
- Education Specialist
- Master's
- Bachelor's
- Associate
- Doctoral student now
- Master's student now

## Years Employed as a Counselor

- 1-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 20+

## Ethnicity

- African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Caucasian
- Other
- Multiracial

Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_

## Licensure

Do you hold a license?

- Yes    No    Not applicable

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

- Yes    No

## Association Membership; Currently a member of:(check all that apply)

- AACC (Am Assoc Christian Coun)
- AAMFT (Am Assoc Marr & Fam Therapy)
- AAPC (Am Assoc of Pastoral Coun)
- AMHCA (Am Mental Health Coun Assoc)
- APA (Am Psychological Assoc)
- ASCA (Am School Coun Assoc)
- NACAC (Nat'l Assoc College Adm Coun)
- NAADAC (Assoc for Addiction Professionals)
- NASP (Nat'l Assoc School Psych)
- NASPA (Nat'l Assoc Studt Personnel Adm)
- NASW (Nat'l Assoc Social Workers)
- NRA (Nat'l 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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# ACA Divisions

ACA Divisions are a great way to add value to your membership. Divisions give you access to information, research, and a network of professionals practicing in your specialty.

## Association for Assessment in Counseling and Education (AACE)

Originally the Association for Measurement and Evaluation in Guidance, AACE promotes the effective use of assessment in the counseling profession.

**Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA)** AADA focuses on adult development and aging issues as well as addressing counseling concerns throughout the lifespan.

**Association for Creativity in Counseling (ACC)** ACC brings together counselors, counselor educators, creative arts therapists and counselors in training to explore unique and diverse approaches to counseling.

**American College Counseling Association (ACCA)** ACCA is to foster student development in colleges, universities, and community colleges.

## Association for Counselors and Educators in Government (ACEG)

Originally the Military Educators and Counselors Association, ACEG addresses the unique needs of clients and families in local, state, and federal government or in military-related agencies.

## Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)

Originally the National Association of Guidance and Counselor Trainers, ACES stresses quality education and supervision for counselors in all settings.

## Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling (ALGBTIC)

ALGBTIC educates counselors on the unique needs of client identity development, and helps counselors develop a non-threatening counseling environment.

## Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD)

Originally the Association of Non-White Concerns in Personnel and Guidance, AMCD strives to improve cultural, ethnic and racial empathy and understanding.

## American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA)

AMHCA represents mental health counselors, advocating for client-access to quality services within the health care industry.

## American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA)

ARCA brings together rehabilitation counseling practitioners, educators, and students who serve people with disabilities throughout their life span.

## American School Counselor Association (ASCA)

ASCA advocates for school counseling professionals who work to improve the personal, educational, and career development of students. ASCA members also work with parents, educators, and community members to provide a positive learning environment.

## Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (ASERVIC)

Originally the National Catholic Guidance Conference, ASERVIC promotes spiritual, ethical, religious, and other human values within the discipline of counseling.

**Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW)** ASGW provides professional leadership and research in the field of group work, as well as establishes standards for professional training.

## Counseling Association for Humanistic Education and Development (C-AHEAD)

C-AHEAD provides a forum for the exchange of information about humanistically-oriented counseling practices and promotes the growing body of knowledge about humanistic principles applied to human development and potential.

Valid through 6/30/10

**Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ)** CSJ is a community of counselors, counselor educators, graduate students, and school and community leaders who seek equity and an end to oppression and injustice affecting clients, students, counselors, families, communities, schools, workplaces, governments, and other social and institutional systems.

**International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors (IAAOC)** Originally the Public Offender Counselor Association, IAAOC advocates for the development of effective counseling and rehabilitation programs for people with substance abuse problems, other addictions, and adult and/or juvenile public offenders.

**International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors (IAMFC)** IAMFC members help develop healthy family systems through prevention, education, and therapy.

**National Career Development Association (NCDA)** Originally the National Vocational Guidance Association, NCDA promotes career development for all people across the lifespan through public information, member services, conferences, and publications.

**National Employment Counseling Association (NECA)** Originally the National Employment Counselors Association, NECA is committed to offering professional leadership to people who counsel in employment and/or career development settings.

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

Division	Professional	Regular	New Professional	Student
AACE	\$40*	\$40*	\$30*	\$30*
AADA	\$40	\$40/\$40*	\$24	\$24
ACC	\$40	\$40	\$28	\$28
ACCA	\$50*	\$50*	\$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 <a href="http://www.amhca.org">www.amhca.org</a>			
ARCA	\$70*	\$70*	\$15*	\$15*
ASCA	To join call 800-306-4722 or visit <a href="http://www.schoolcounselor.org">www.schoolcounselor.org</a>			
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	\$65	\$65*	\$28*	\$28*
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]; CSJ [any category]; IAMFC [any category]; NCDA [Regular, New Professional, Student]; and NECA [any category].

# Five Steps to Your ACA Membership 2009-10

[ 1. ] REFERRED BY \_\_\_\_\_ REFERRER'S ACA ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Source Code S 1 0 X 1 2 3

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](http://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

[ ] **\$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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Please select current student program status:  
[ ] Master's Level [ ] Doctoral Level [ ] Other

## [ 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. \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Student \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] 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]; CSJ [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

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