



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 senior professional, ACA's sole purpose is to assist you in your personal and professional development.

Join ACA today and discover what more than 46,000 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:*

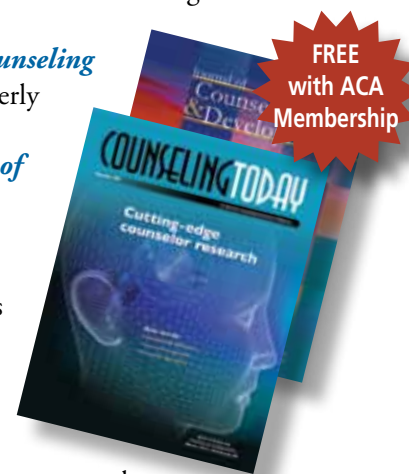
## Professional Development *Maximize your potential*

- **Liability Insurance** included in membership for Master's level students so you can focus more on your studies. **New Graduates** receive 50% discount on Liability Insurance.
- **ACA Career Services** not only provides you with information about careers in counseling, we also provide you with resume critiques, mock interviews, and career consults.
- **Medical, dental, long-term care and other insurance programs.** ACA members are offered life, health, disability, dental, long term care, and Medicare supplement insurance through special plans designed for our members.
- **Get highly personalized ethics consultations.** ACA provides unmatched FREE ethics consultations exclusively available to our members. You will get the specific support you need five days a week with a 72-hour inquiry response time.
- **Enhance your private practice.** ACA offers a variety of online tools, including podcasts and webinars, to help your private practice reach new heights. In addition, our books and professional development courses give you the skills to stand out from the crowd.
- 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 you while you are enrolled in counseling programs.



## Stay Ahead of the Learning Curve *Education*

- The **ACA 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 rate. Graduate students gather at a special Graduate Student and New Professional Center—a gathering place 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 you may have missed, and other valuable articles organized by topic.



# 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.
- Stating you are a member of ACA on your resume keep potential employers 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 4,000 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.
- **Get connected.** **ACA Divisions and Branches** take your membership to the next level. They provide the best opportunity to stay connected with your colleagues working in your specific interest and practice areas, or gain access to other counselors in your own neighborhood.



ACA is blogging: [my.counseling.org](http://my.counseling.org)

Follow us on Twitter: [twitter.com/CounselingViews](https://twitter.com/CounselingViews)

Like Us on Facebook: [American Counseling Association](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanCounselingAssociation)

## Wait, there's more! *ACA 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, 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 am – 6 pm, ET).)

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

# 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)** Focuses on adult development and aging issues as well as addressing counseling concerns throughout the lifespan.

## **NEW!** Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC)

Children and adolescents in a multitude of settings.

**Association for Creativity in Counseling (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)** 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 Humanistic Counseling (AHC)** 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. *Formerly C-AHEAD.*

## 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)** Represents mental health counselors, advocating for client-access to quality services within the health care industry.

**American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA)** Brings together rehabilitation counseling practitioners, educators, and students who serve people with disabilities throughout their life span.

**American School Counselor Association (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)** Provides professional leadership and research in the field of group work, as well as establishes standards for professional training.

Valid through 6/30/12

**Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ)** 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 life span 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
ACAC	\$45	\$45	\$25	\$25
ACC	\$43	\$43	\$33	\$33
ACCA	\$50*	\$50*	\$40/\$40*	\$40/\$40*
ACEG	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$20
ACES	\$65	\$65	\$27	\$27
AHC	\$45	\$45	\$35	\$35
ALGBTIC	\$45	\$45	\$25	\$25
AMCD		\$40	\$30	\$30
AMHCA	<i>To join call 800-326-2642 or visit <a href="http://www.ambca.org">www.ambca.org</a></i>			
ARCA	\$70*	\$70*	\$15*	\$15*
ASCA	<i>To join call 800-306-4722 or visit <a href="http://www.schoolcounselor.org">www.schoolcounselor.org</a></i>			
ASERVIC	\$40	\$40/\$50*	\$20	\$20
ASGW	\$40*	\$40*	\$27*	\$27*
CSJ	\$35*	\$35*	\$20*	\$20*
IAAOC	\$48	\$48	\$30	\$30
IAMFC	\$60*	\$60*	\$44*	\$44*
NCDA	\$65	\$65*	\$28*	\$28*
NECA	\$38*	\$38*	\$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 Student Membership 2011-12

## 1) Personal and Contact Information

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_ Referrer's ACA ID# \_\_\_\_\_ source code S12X123  
Full Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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.

Please add me to the Government Relations Listserv.  I would like to receive print copies of my ACA and ACA Published Division Journals.

## 2) Select Your ACA Membership

**\$92 Student:** Individuals who are enrolled at least half-time in a college or university program.

Please indicate date of graduation (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ and institution \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate education level  Master's  Doctoral

## 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 in spaces provided below, select member type and enter appropriate fees.

1) \_\_\_\_\_  Student \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  Student \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 4) Make a Voluntary Contribution (tax deductible except PAF)

ACA Foundation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Legal Defense Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 David K. Brooks Jr. Distinguished Mentor Award \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Professional Advocacy Fund (PAF) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (not tax deductible)  
 Human Concerns 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.

<b>1 Year</b>	<b>ACA Membership</b>	\$ _____
	Division Membership	\$ _____
<b>2 Years</b>	<b>ACA Membership</b>	\$ _____
	(Not applicable to New Professional)	
	Division Membership	\$ _____
	\$10 Processing fee*	\$ _____
	<b>Voluntary Contribution(s)</b>	\$ _____
	<b>Total Amount Remitted</b>	\$ _____

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

### ACA Automatic 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 am - 6 pm 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Valid through 6/30/2012

### Three-month Payment Option Plan

I elect to pay in 3 equal monthly installments (only available for payment by credit card or debit card). A \$2 processing fee will be charged on both the 2nd & 3rd installments.

Total Amount to be charged (divide total by 3) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Visa  MasterCard  American Express  Discover



# 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 38.
- 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 Counseling Professional

- 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 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, not 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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