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Orientation to

Professional Counseling
Past, Present, and Future Trends

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“In this gift to the profession, Nassar and Niles call upon renowned scholars and leaders to help emerging counselors establish a clear sense of professional identity. Readers will develop a unified sense of professional counseling foundations while exploring critical issues relevant to practice in diverse settings. Written in a direct and accessible manner, this text provides enough history to understand the present state of the profession and enough current information to orient readers to the future of counseling.”

—Casey A. Barrio Minton, PhD, NCC
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“This useful resource for introduction to counseling courses contains a valuable collection of chapters addressing a wide variety of topics on professional counseling. A particular strength of the text is that readers are encouraged to assume an active role in creating their own personal and professional identity throughout their counseling career.”

—Gerald Corey, EdD, ABPP
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Ideal for use in introductory counseling courses, Orientation to Professional Counseling is fully aligned with the 2016 CACREP Standards and contains historical perspectives on the foundations of the profession, an overview of counseling specialties and contemporary issues in the field, and a discussion of anticipated future trends. Throughout the book, Nassar, Niles, and other counseling leaders emphasize the core content and expertise common within a unified counseling identity. To deepen practical application, chapters include learning objectives and activities, review questions, illustrative text sidebars, and “Voices From the Field.”

Complimentary instructor’s materials, including chapter outlines, tests, and PowerPoint slides, are available by request to ACA.