American Counseling Association
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General Membership Application 2026–2027

Applicant Information *Fill out if paying by check or money order.* ***All fields required*** *(home and mobile phone - optional)*

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____ Suffix/Designation _____

Mailing Address _____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____ Country _____

Daytime Phone_____ Work Phone _____ Home Phone_____

Mobile Phone _____ Email_____

In submitting this application, I confirm that I am qualified for the selected membership category and that I agree to abide by the ACA Code of Ethics.

Select Your Membership

☐ **$189** **Professional:** Individuals who hold a master's degree or higher in counseling or a closely related field from a college or university that was accredited when the degree was awarded by one of the regional accrediting bodies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

☐ **$189** **Regular:** Individuals whose interests and activities are consistent with those of ACA, but who are not qualified for Professional Membership.

☐ **$105** **New Professional**: Individuals who have graduated with a master's or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited college or university recognized by CHEA within the past 12 months. New Professional members receive two consecutive years of reduced dues: First Year – $105; Second Year – $135. The New Professional second-year level cannot be self-selected. For assistance, contact the Member Services Center at 1-800-298-2276 or memberservices@counseling.org.

☐ **$105** **Retired:** This tier is only available with five continuous years of professional or regular membership in good standing immediately prior to retirement. To verify eligibility, contact Member Services at 800-298-2276 or memberservices@counseling.org.

Choose Your Division Membership Dues *(optional)*

I wish to enhance my professional opportunities by joining the following Divisions *See chart on next page for Division and fees. Print Division acronyms in space provided, select member type and enter dues amounts.*

1) _____ ☐ Professional ☐ New Professional ☐ Regular ☐ Retired

Dues $_____

2) _____ ☐ Professional ☐ New Professional ☐ Regular ☐ Retired

Dues $_____

ACA Foundation Tax-Deductible Contribution

The American Counseling Association Foundation, an organization separate from the American Counseling Association, moves quickly in times of crisis and provides funding where the need is greatest for ACA members and the clients we serve. The foundation receives no funding from ACA member-dues payments. Please support the American Counseling Association Foundation by making a tax-deductible contribution today.

☐ $5 ☐ $10 ☐ Other $_____

Total Membership Dues

ACA Membership	$_____
Division Membership	$_____
ACA Foundation Tax-Deductible Contribution	$_____
Total Amount Remitted	**$** _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Annual – 1 payment in full

Current members: *To sign up for a division, contact Member Services at 800-298-2276, M–F 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., ET.*

New members: *Can add a division online with ACA membership*

PAYMENT METHOD

Total amount enclosed $ _____

Make check or money order, payable to the American Counseling Association in U.S. funds.

Credit Card Payments: New First-Time Members - To join ACA and add one or more divisions online using your debit/credit card, log in to access/create your profile at counseling.org/membership. If you are a current ACA member and wish to join one or more divisions, please contact Member Services at 800-298-2276 for assistance.

ACA Membership Cancellation/Refund Policy: Membership cancellations received within 30 days of payment may be eligible for a full refund. Cancellations received after 30 days of membership may be eligible for a refund less a $25 service fee. Membership cancellations after 60 days of membership are not eligible for a refund. Cancellations are accepted by email at memberservices@counseling.org and must be received by the cancellation deadline.

Mail ACA Application to:
American Counseling Association
Attn: Finance Department
2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 300
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Questions:
Member Services
703-823-9801 | 800-298-2276
M–F 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., ET

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 Addictions and Justice-Involved Counseling (AAJIC) (formerly 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.

Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA)
Focuses on adult development and aging issues as well as addressing counseling concerns throughout the life span.

Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC)
Promotes the effective use of assessment in the counseling profession.

Association for Child and Adolescent Counseling (ACAC)
Supports and provides information to counselors working with 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)
Fosters student development in colleges, universities, and community colleges.

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)
Stresses quality education and supervision for counselors in all settings.

Association of Counseling Sexology and Sexual Wellness (ACSSW)
Promotes sexuality as a core aspect of humanity, shaped by both interpersonal and intrapersonal factors across age, race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity and expression, physical and mental health ability, and socioeconomic status.

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.

Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD)
Strives to improve cultural, ethnic and racial empathy and understanding.

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

Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (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.

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 Marriage and Family Counselors (IAMFC)
Helps develop healthy family systems through prevention, education, and therapy.

International Association for Resilience and Trauma Counseling (IARTC)
Promotes the development of professional counselors to advance ACA, the counseling profession, and the ethical practice of counseling through trauma-informed practices, respect for human dignity, cultural inclusivity, and resilience.

Military and Government Counseling Association (MGCA)
Addresses the unique needs of clients and families in local, state, and federal government or in military-related agencies.

National Career Development 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)
Committed to offering professional leadership to people who counsel in employment and/or career develop.

Society for Sexual, Affectional, Intersex, and Gender Expansive Identities (SAIGE)
Educates counselors to the unique needs of client identity development; and a non-threatening counseling environment by aiding in the reduction of stereotypical thinking and homoprejudice.

Division	Professional	Regular	New Professional	Retired
AADA	$43	$43	$34	$29.50
AAJIC	$49	$49	$30	$30
AARC	$50	$50	$40	$40
ACAC	$65	$65	$55	$55
ACC	$65	$65	$60	$55
ACCA	$85	$85	$60	$60
ACES**	$80	$80	$57	$57
ACSSW	$50	$50	$45	$40
AHC	$55	$55	$45	$30
AMCD	$40	$40	$40	$40
ARCA	$85	$85	$65	$49
ASERVIC	$50	$50	$30	$25
ASGW	$50	$50	$37	$37
CSJ	$40	$40	$40	$25
IAMFC	$60	$60	$44	$44
IARTC	$60	$50	$40	$30
MGCA	$35	$35	$25	$25
NCDA**	$95	$95	$60	$60
NECA**	$38	$38	$25	$25
SAIGE**	$52	$52	$42	$34

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** *To ONLY join **NECA**, please visit www.employmentcounseling.org*
** *To ONLY join **SAIGE**, please visit www.saigecounseling.org*
** *To ONLY join **NCDA,** please visit www.ncda.org/aws/NCDA/pt/sp/membership_join*