

**American College Counseling Association**  
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AMERICAN COUNSELING  
ASSOCIATION

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**ACCA**

American College  
Counseling Association

*Your way to connect and stay current.*



# American College Counseling Association

## What is ACCA?



American College Counseling Association  
Founded in 1991

The American College Counseling Association is an association for people working or studying in higher education who have a professional identity in counseling and whose purpose is fostering student development.

ACCA works to:

- Support and enhance the practice of college counseling.
- Provide leadership and advocacy for the profession of counseling in higher education.
- Promote ethical and responsible professional practice.
- Promote communication and exchange among college counselors across service areas and institutional settings.
- Encourage cooperation with other organizations related to higher education and college student development.

## ACCA Mission

The mission of the American College Counseling Association is to be the interdisciplinary and inclusive professional home that supports emerging and state-of-the-art knowledge and resources for counseling professionals in higher education.

## Who Joins ACCA?

Any professional who has an interest in the field of counseling and student development in higher education is encouraged to join ACCA. Students engaged in graduate counseling and student development programs are also welcome. ACCA members are employed by universities, community colleges, vocational-technical schools and other institutions of higher education. In addition, ACCA members are engaged in college counseling in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, counseling center positions.

## Benefits of Joining ACCA

- ACCA members receive the highly acclaimed publication *Journal of College Counseling*, the ACCA journal that contains both practitioner-oriented and scholarly articles related to college counseling (published three times per year). All members receive electronic access to the journal, which includes the full digital archive going back to 1998(1).
- ACCA members have access to ACCA-L, the electronic network for college counselors and related professionals. Members also have full access to the members-only section of the ACCA website and enjoy 24/7 connections and conversations with college counseling professionals through ACCA's social media.

- ACCA members enjoy the following professional benefits:
  1. Opportunities to define the profession of counseling in higher education by becoming a member of an ACCA national committee.
  2. An identity as a member of a national organization that promotes the profession of college counseling and provides networking opportunities with other professional college counselors.
  3. Promotion of the development and recognition of professional standards for college counselors.
  4. Continuing Education opportunities specific to college counseling.
  5. Grant opportunities to support college mental-health research. Emerging Leader Grants (in the form of ACCA or ACA Conference registration awards) are also available to masters' and doctoral level graduate students.
  6. National recognition through professional awards for meritorious service and other significant contributions to the field of college counseling.
  7. Discounted registration to the ACCA annual conference, which offers members a chance to network and obtain CEU's for psychologists, counselors and social workers.

## Types of Membership

**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.

**Regular:** Individuals whose interests and activities are consistent with those of ACA, but who are not qualified for professional membership.

**New Professional:** A New Professional is someone who has graduated with a masters or a doctorate within the past 12 months. Status is good for one year.

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

**Retired:** Members who are retired from the counseling profession and have been active ACA members for the past 5 consecutive years.

**Division Processing Fee:** To join ACCA without joining ACA, a processing fee of \$10 will apply.

JOIN NOW

**Online** [counseling.org](http://counseling.org)  
**Phone** 703-823-9800 x222 or 800-347-6647 x222  
M-F, 8 am – 6 pm, ET  
**Mail** Application and payment to:  
American Counseling Association  
Attn: Accounting  
6101 Stevenson Avenue, Suite 600  
Alexandria, VA 22304

## The Benefits of Joining the ACA

### **ACA is the leading advocate for you and your career.**

When you become a member of ACA, you become part of the largest network of counseling professionals in the world. That means direct access to the resources and education you need to stay at the top of your game, unlimited ways to connect with other counseling professionals for guidance and support, and powerful representation on the topics and issues that affect your career.

## Professional Tools

### **Professional Liability Insurance**

ACA members are offered a full line of professional liability insurance products through the Healthcare Providers Service Organization (HPSO). From complimentary membership for Master's students, a 50% discount for new professionals and a 10% discount for all other members, you can rest assured that HPSO offers the most competitive insurance programs possible.

### **Health Insurance Programs**

ACA provides assistance with medical, dental, life, disability, and long-term care insurance through special plans.

### **Ethics Consultations**

Get the support you need when you need it. Consultations are available five days a week with a 72-hour inquiry response time. *Free to members.*

### **Career Resources**

Take advantage of free resume critiques, mock interviews, job listings, search strategies and much more.

## Education

### **Savings on CEs**

ACA membership quickly pays for itself, as you earn one FREE CE credit each month (members are notified of opportunities via email). *That's a \$240 value.*

### **News, Information, & Inspiration**

Whether it's the *Counseling Today* magazine, a quarterly electronic counseling research journal, *Journal of Counseling & Development* (print copies available for a fee), or bimonthly editions of ACA eNews (special focus editions also available), you will have everything you need at your fingertips.

### **Counseling.org**

The ACA website offers unlimited education opportunities, including webinars, podcasts, Practice Briefs (research-based approaches sub-

mitted by other counselors); full access to *Journal of Counseling & Development* and *Counseling Today* articles and much more.

## Advocacy

From fighting for critical legislation on Capitol Hill to promoting the value of professional counselors and counseling to the public, ACA is leading the charge to ensure that you receive the respect and support you deserve.

### **Professional Credibility**

The ACA member logo, on your website and business cards, assures those you serve that you are a leader in the counseling profession, adhering firmly to the ACA Code of Ethics.

## A Community of Your Own

### **ACA Conference & Expo**

No other meeting brings together a more diverse cross section of the counseling profession, representing every counseling specialty from every corner of the globe.

### **ACA Divisions & Branches**

Take your membership to the next level. Divisions and Branches represent the best opportunity to stay connected with colleagues working in your specific interest and practice areas, or gain access to other counselors in your own neighborhood.

### **ACA Connect**

This online networking tool for members only allows you the opportunity to find friends and colleagues with similar interests, contribute practical tips and ideas, ask questions and get answers in real time, share powerful education resources, see who is attending events, watch brief instructional videos, and so much more.

### **Social Media**

ACA is very active on Facebook (American Counseling Association), Twitter (@CounselingViews) and LinkedIn (American Counseling Association). Like and follow us to get news, deadline reminders, information about special promotions, contests, and deals, and more.

## ACA Discounts

Members receive exclusive discounts on auto, home, and personal insurance products as well as discounts from industry leaders in travel, hotel, cell phones, credit cards, office products and much more.

**Log onto our website [counseling.org](http://counseling.org)  
to learn more about ACA.**

# ACCA and ACA Membership Application 2017–2018

## Applicant Information *(Fill out if paying by check or money order)*

If ACA Member, please provide your membership number \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Work Ph \_\_\_\_\_ Home Ph \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Desired

**Division Dues Proration:** *Division dues are prorated to coincide with your ACA membership expiration date. To join a Division only, or to add a Division to your ACA membership, visit [counseling.org/Division](http://counseling.org/Division) to view the prorated dues amounts.*

### Joining ACCA and ACA, check one

	ACCA	ACA	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$70.00 +	\$179.00 =	\$249.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$70.00 +	\$179.00 =	\$249.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional*	\$45.00 +	\$99.00 =	\$144.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$40.00 +	\$99.00 =	\$139.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired ( <i>see qualification</i> )	\$45.00 +	\$99.00 =	\$144.00

### Joining ACCA only, check one

*Without joining ACA a \$10 processing fee is applied.*

	ACCA	Fee	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$70.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$80.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$70.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$80.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional*	\$45.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$40.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	\$45.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$55.00

\***New Professionals** please indicate date of graduation (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ and institution \_\_\_\_\_.

\***Students** please indicate expected date of graduation (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ and institution \_\_\_\_\_.

**ACCA/ACA Membership Dues:** *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 and regulations terms of the ACA Code of Ethics which can include appropriate sanctions up to suspension or expulsion from ACA and public notice about any such action. The ACA Code of Ethics is available at [counseling.org](http://counseling.org).*

### Journal print fee *(optional)*

All ACCA/ACA members receive electronic access to the *Journal of Counseling & Development (JCD)* and *Journal of College Counseling*, which includes the full digital archive going back to 1921(1). To receive a print copy of these journals, please check below and add the annual print fee to the total amount due. *All members should update their email address in the space provided above, regardless of how you wish to receive your journal.*

<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Journal of Counseling &amp; Development (JCD)</i>	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Journal of College Counseling</i>	\$25

## Payment Method

Check or money order, payable to ACA in U.S. funds.

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Payments:** To join using a debit/credit card, please log on to [counseling.org/membership](http://counseling.org/membership) to pay online, or contact your ACA Member Information Specialists at 800-347-6647 x222, M–F, 8 am – 6 pm, ET, to pay by phone.

**Three-month Payment Plan Option** (*by phone using a Debit/Credit Card Only*) A \$2 processing fee will be charged on both the 2nd & 3rd installments. To sign up for the payment plan, please contact your ACA Member Information Specialist at 800-347-6647 x222, M–F, 8 am – 6 pm, ET.

**Mail application to: American Counseling Association**

Attn: Accounting, 6101 Stevenson Avenue, Suite 600  
Alexandria, VA 22304

**Valid thru 6/30/2018 Source code: N18XDCC**

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