

*Your Passion. Your Profession. Our Purpose.*

The Benefits of Joining the ACA!

In your career as a counseling professional, you touch thousands of lives every day. As you help them, membership in ACA can help you. At every stage of your career—student to seasoned professional—ACA will help you be your very best.

**Your purpose is our mission.** The mission of the American Counseling Association (ACA) is to enhance the quality of life in society by promoting the development of professional counselors, advancing the counseling profession, and using the profession and practice of counseling to promote respect for human dignity and diversity. ACA provides you with professional development, continuing education opportunities, advocacy services, credibility, and networking opportunities.

**Maximize your potential—Professional Development**

- ACA offers **FREE ethics consultation** FIVE days a week with a 72-hour inquiry response time by licensed professional counselors with a PERSONAL TOUCH; **ACA Career Services** not only provides information about careers in counseling, but it also gives you access to specially-selected counseling jobs. **Private Practice Resources**—ACA offers a variety of books and online courses specific to private practice; **Professional Liability Insurance**—ACA members are offered a full line of professional liability insurance products through the Healthcare Providers Service Organization (HPSO). **ACA master's level students receive liability insurance coverage as part of their membership. In addition, all other ACA professional members with a HPSO liability insurance premium of \$100 or more will receive a 10% discount on a new or renewing policy, and ACA new graduate members receive a 50% discount on their liability insurance premium through ACA's insurance partner Healthcare Providers Service Organization (HPSO).** The **ACA Foundation**, the philanthropic arm of the association, supports counselors through the Counselors Care Fund, Foundation publications and programs such as **Growing Happy and Confident Kids**, and grants and competitions offering awards as well as financial assistance to ACA members.

**Stay Ahead of the Learning Curve—Education**

- **ACA members earn one FREE CE credit each month, or 12 per year, a member savings of \$240. At the start of each month, ACA will send all members an e-mail identifying an article or book chapter that is featured that month through the ACA Online Learning program.** 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; **ACA Online Learning** provides professional development courses (post-degree for licensure or certification renewal credit) designed to help you fulfill your ethical responsibility to stay current in the field; ACA's monthly magazine, **Counseling Today**; quarterly journal of counseling research and practical articles, **Journal of Counseling & Development**; bi-weekly e-news bulletin, **ACAeNews** plus four new special focus e-newsletters; **website**, counseling.org, **Research Center** and **Online Library** of resources are all designed to expand your knowledge, increase your skills and provide you with

up-to-date information on the counseling profession; **The ACA-ACES Syllabus Clearinghouse is a joint project of the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES). This unique resource was developed to help counselor educators discover creative approaches to course development, while also saving time and enriching the profession. The clearinghouse database is updated continually with new syllabi for all counselor educators.**

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

- As an ACA 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; **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 a counseling professional—Credibility**

- **Take Pride in your Profession.** Proudly display your commitment to the Counseling profession and the Code of Ethics with an ACA Membership Certificate in your office, or the ACA Member Logo on your business cards, e-mails, stationery, your website, private practice brochures and much more. Visit the Members-Only section on counseling.org to purchase an ACA Membership Certificate, or to view the usage guidelines for the ACA Member Logo.

**Expand your connections—Networking**

- The **ACA Annual Conference & Exposition** is the biggest networking opportunity of the year for approximately 4,000 counseling professionals; **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.

**Members-Only—Discounts**

- Members receive exclusive discounts on health, dental, and life insurance as well as discounts from industry leaders in travel, credit card and much more!

**ACA is blogging:** my.counseling.org

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*Enhance your division membership by joining ACA Today. Connect to counseling.org for more information.*

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**NECA**

National Employment Counseling Association

*Your way to connect and stay current.*



### What is NECA?

The National Employment Counseling Association (NECA) is a multinational organization dedicated to improving employment opportunities for all. We provide professional and continuing education opportunities, including cutting-edge training opportunities for certification as Global Career Development Facilitators (GCDF), perform legislative advocacy, establish standards and guidelines for training workforce development professionals, showcase best practices and create viable partnerships and opportunities to network.

### Who Joins NECA?

NECA is an organization of professional counselors and workforce development professionals committed to helping our clients, customers, and each other enter, understand and progress in the world of work. Our members work or are seeking work in One Stop Career Centers, Community Based Organizations, High Schools, Colleges and Universities, Private Practice or on State and Federal contracts and other counseling related entrepreneurial opportunities. People who are interested in helping people find truly worthwhile employment, join NECA.

### Benefits of Joining NECA

NECA is a member-driven association and provides many benefits. Some of them are as follows:

- Quarterly *Journal of Employment Counseling*
- *NECA E-NEWS*, a monthly Electronic Newsletter
- Informative Website ([employmentcounseling.org](http://employmentcounseling.org))
- Annual Professional Development Institute
- Work-Life Institutes
- Continuing Education Units
- *Working Ahead, Moving Forward* On-Line GCDF training
- *Distance Counseling* Credential training
- *True Colors* Certification Training
- *Smart Options* Training
- *Ask A Counselor* Service
- Legislative Advocacy
- Established Employment Counseling Competencies

- Employment Counseling Updates
- Field Experts' Reviews for Employment Law Compliance
- Employment Trends & Employment Counseling Updates

### NECA's Website

[www.employmentcounseling.org](http://www.employmentcounseling.org)

### 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 NECA without joining ACA, a processing fee of \$10 will apply.

### Applicant Information

ACA Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### NECA/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, regulations and enforcement of the 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).

	Check one	<b>NECA</b>		<b>ACA</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$38.00	+	\$161.00	=	\$199.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$38.00	+	\$161.00	=	\$199.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional*	\$24.00	+	\$92.00	=	\$116.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$24.00	+	\$92.00	=	\$116.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired ( <i>see qualification</i> )	\$24.00	+	\$92.00	=	\$116.00	
<b>Joining NECA only</b>		<b>NECA</b>		<b>Processing fee</b>		<b>Total</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$38.00	+	\$10.00	=	\$48.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$38.00	+	\$10.00	=	\$48.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional*	\$24.00	+	\$10.00	=	\$34.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$24.00	+	\$10.00	=	\$34.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	\$24.00	+	\$10.00	=	\$34.00	

### 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.

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

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES \$

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

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

### Payment Method Total amount enclosed or to be charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Automatic Renewal Option: In my anniversary month each year, please charge my credit card at the rates effective at that time for my ACA and Division membership(s).  
 My current e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

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

VISA  MasterCard  American Express  Discover  
 Credit/Debit 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Four Easy Ways To Join

**PHONE**  
 703-823-9800 x222  
 800-347-6647 x222  
*Have your credit or debit card ready*  
 (M-F, 8 am – 6 pm ET)

**FAX**  
 703-823-0252 or 800-473-2329

**WEB**  
[counseling.org](http://counseling.org)

**MAIL**  
 Application and payment to:  
 ACA, Attn: Accounting  
 5999 Stevenson Avenue  
 Alexandria, VA 22304-3300