
Become a member, network, and stay current
ARCA and ACA Membership Application 2017–2018
American Rehabilitation Counseling Association

About ARCA
The mission of the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA) is to enhance the development of people with disabilities throughout the lifespan and to promote best practices in the rehabilitation counseling profession. ARCA's goal is to provide leadership that will encourage excellence in rehabilitation counseling practice, research, consultation, and professional development. ARCA is equally interested in eliminating attitudinal, political, and physical barriers so that more opportunities are available in education, employment, and community activities to people with disabilities. This is accomplished through public education, systems advocacy, and legislative action.

Benefits of Joining ARCA

Information
- Website reports on issues and trends that affect rehabilitation counselors (www.arcaweb.org)
- Web-based newsletter highlighting profession updates, ARCA activities, legislative issues, and professional opportunities (www.arcaweb.org)
- Listserv alerting rehabilitation counselors to legislative actions and ARCA activities
- Annual membership meeting

Continuing Education
- Subscription to our quarterly peer-reviewed scholarly journal Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin (RCB)
- Webinars
- Continuing education credits for peer reviewing submissions to RCB or reading articles in RCB

Networking
- ARCA sessions and programs at the annual ACA conference provide opportunities to network with colleagues old and new in both professional and social settings
- Support to develop an ARCA chapter at your college/university or in your local/regional community, or to establish an interest group, to address immediate issues and enable grass-roots participation
- Stimulating interactions with professionals who share similar goals

Leadership
- Serve as a committee member on an ARCA council or ad hoc special task force
- Serve as an elected officer or Council chair for ARCA

Employment
- Build relationships with ARCA colleagues and expand opportunities for employment and continued professional growth

Mentoring
- New members can be paired with seasoned colleagues and leaders sharing similar background or interests

Scholarships and Awards
- Masters and Doctoral Student of the Year
- Counselor of the Year
- Research Award
- Career Research Award
- Presidential Service Award
- Vision Award
- Understanding Rehabilitation Counseling competition

Research
- Opportunities to collaborate on research projects and present findings at the annual conference
- Learn about current research and how it applies to practice through conference presentations and articles in RCB
- Conduct and promote dissemination of research relevant to rehabilitation counseling

Advocacy
- ARCA advocates for the rehabilitation counseling profession through collaboration and partnerships with consumer groups, professional associations, legislators, and other stakeholders
- ARCA advocates for equal access to quality rehabilitation counseling services to people with disabilities through public policy, legislation and human rights

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 ARCA without joining ACA, a processing fee of $10 will apply.

ACA/ARCA does not discriminate against any individual on the basis of ethnic group, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, and/or disability.
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 submitted 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 to learn more about ACA.
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**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________________________________________

**ARCA/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 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.

**Membership Desired**

**Joining ARCA/ACA or ARCA Only:** Select your member category below, complete the application and fax or mail it to the American Counseling Association or join online at counseling.org.

ACA Members: Division dues are prorated to coincide with your ACA membership expiration date. To add a Division to your ACA membership, log on to counseling.org with your username and password and select “Add a Division,” or contact the ACA Member Information Specialist at 800-347-6647 x222, M–F, 8 am – 6 pm, ET.

**Joining ARCA and ACA, check one**

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Without joining ACA a $10 processing fee is applied.

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**New Professionals** please indicate date of graduation (month/year)

_____ / _____ and institution ______________________________.

**Students** please indicate expected date of graduation (month/year)

_____ / _____ and institution ______________________________.

**Journal print fee (optional)**

All ACA members receive electronic access to the *Journal of Counseling & Development (JCD)*, which includes the full digital archive going back to 1921(1). To receive a print copy of the journal, please add an annual $35 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 ACA journal.*

[ ] *Journal of Counseling & Development (JCD)* $35

**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 to pay online, or contact your ACA Member Information Specialist 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

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