The Benefits of Joining the ACA!

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

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). 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 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; 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. 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 electronic journal of counseling research and practical articles, Journal of Counseling & Development; biweekly 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) 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 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, emails, 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!

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What is AHC?
AHC is one of the four founding divisions of the American Counseling Association (ACA). Grounded in humanistic principles, the association is dedicated to growth, actualization, and wellness for our members and the populations we serve. It is within the humanitarian counseling tradition that the core conditions of counseling emerged, such as unconditional positive regard, empathy, congruence, and authenticity.

• Encourages the development of the whole person: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual;
• Promotes the dignity and worth of the individual within the context of community and culture;
• Recognizes and cherishes diversity in an increasingly multicultural society;
• Promotes advocacy; and
• Identifies cutting edge issues for counseling and human development professionals.

It is made up of counseling professionals who work in a variety of settings whose bond is a philosophy rather than a work setting, and who use their skills and expertise to empower, advocate, and make a difference. Any counselors interested in humanistic principles in human development are welcome.

Humanistic counselors base their practice upon a philosophical foundation based on the affirmation of the dignity of every human being, who believe that wellness and health is best achieved by combining personal growth with a shift for the greater good of humanity. Current practitioners of humanistic psychology are found in various theoretical schools, including person-centered counseling, Adlerian Individual Psychology, existential counseling, and Gestalt counseling, as well as contemporary approaches within family therapy, transpersonal psychology, psychosynthesis, and constructivism. Humanistic counseling theories emerged in the writings of Adler, Jung, Horney, Frankl, Maslow, May, Rogers, and Satir, among others.

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The Journal of Humanistic Counseling is published twice per year and contains current research and theory of interest to counselors and educators who are looking for humanitarian approach. In addition, special topics are addressed in dedicated issues that are published annually. All members receive electronic access to the journal, which includes the full digital archive going back to (1). (Print copies are available for a fee. See application for details.)

Infocentre is the association’s newsletter that not only brings current information to members about the activities of the association, but also features unique philosophical and literary columns from contributing members.

National Conference activities include the Wellness Center, the Empty Plate Project for support of conference site charitable organizations, and a difference. Any counselors interested in humanistic principles in human development are welcome.

AHC and ACA Membership Application 2012–2013

Applicant Information

If ACA Member, please provide your membership number _______

Full Legal Name ________________________

Mailing Address __________________________________________

City__________________ State/Province ______ Zip _______

Country __________________

Organization __________________

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Fax (____) ____________ Email ____________________________

Journal print fee (optional)
All AHC/ACA members receive electronic access to the Journal of Counseling & Development (JCD) and Journal of Humanistic Counseling, which includes the full digital archive going back to (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.

| JCD | $35 |
| HJC | $15 |

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 AHC and Division membership(s). My current email address is: ____________
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| Security Code: (3 or 4 digits on front or back of card) |
| Cardholder’s Name (print) |
| Phone ________________________ |
| Authorized Signature ________________________ Date ____________ |

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