

**Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling**

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**AARC**

Association for Assessment  
and Research in Counseling

*Your way to connect and stay current.*



# Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling



## What is AARC?

The Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling is an organization of counselors, educators, and other professionals that advances the counseling profession by promoting best practices in assessment, research, and evaluation in counseling.

## Who Joins AARC?

AARC members use assessment, research, and evaluation in their work. Our organization includes students, counselors, and educators from a variety of settings including schools, colleges, universities, rehabilitation centers, community agencies, and government agencies. Our members are committed to using assessment results accurately and fairly and to promoting best practices in counseling research and evaluation.

Whether you are an experienced or emerging test developer, researcher, or practitioner, AARC is for you.

Members have access to standards, research best practice documents and tutorials, and reports on assessment via its website: <http://www.aarc-counseling.org>

## Benefits of Joining AARC

- Our national, peer-reviewed journals, *Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development (MECD)* and *Counseling Outcome Research and Evaluation (CORE)*;
- Our electronic newsletter, *Newsnotes*, which contains important news in assessment and research;
- Opportunities for recognition and promotion of student research through the Donald Hood Student Research Grant and the Emerging Scholars Awards;
- Opportunities to enhance research and assessment competency through specialized training sessions, workshops, and conferences;
- Reduced rates for AARC events and publications;
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills through AARC committees and offices;
- Networking and mentoring with scholars and leaders in the counseling profession.

- Access to test reviews and news on assessment and research related issues; and
- Access to new research briefs and resources

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

JOIN NOW

**Online** [counseling.org/membership](http://counseling.org/membership)

**Phone** 703-823-9800 x222  
800-347-6647 x222  
M-F 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, ET

**Mail** Application and payment to:  
American Counseling Association  
Attn: Accounting  
6101 Stevenson Avenue, Suite 600  
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*There shall be no discrimination against any individual on the basis of ethnic group, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, and/or disability.*

# Your Passion. Your Profession. Our Purpose.

## Are You Taking Advantage of All That ACA Has to Offer?

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 Development

### Career Advancement Resources

Take advantage of ACA's Career Central, where you have access to free resume critiques, mock interviews, job listings, search strategies and much more. ACA members also have opportunities to nominate and be recognized with more than 20 members-only awards.

### Continuing Education

ACA makes earning your CE credits easy in our affordable, quality online courses available for you to take at your convenience. Presented by experts in a variety of subject areas, you can learn in webinars, book chapters, journal articles, practice briefs and much more.

*Members Get FREE CE! ACA membership quickly pays for itself, as you earn one FREE CE credit each month (members are notified of opportunities in our email newsletter). That's a \$264 value.*

### ACA Conference & Expo

No other event gives you access to the education and networking you need to learn and grow in your counseling career. Each spring, you can access more than 30 hours of in-person CEs in hundreds of unique sessions created specifically for counseling professionals.

### News, Information & Inspiration

Whether it's the monthly *Counseling Today* magazine, quarterly electronic counseling research journal, *Journal of Counseling & Development* (print copies available for a fee), or the weekly updates in our free *Counseling Insider* and *Member Minute* email newsletters (special focus editions also available), you have access to countless, timely resources at your fingertips.

### ACA Bookstore

Keep up with your professional reading in hundreds of titles all at a special member discount. ACA members enjoy discounts of up to 30% off the list price on books written for counselors by counselors.

## Practice Support

### Professional Liability Insurance

ACA members are offered a full line of professional liability insurance products through the Healthcare Providers Service Organization (HPSO). Benefits include complimentary coverage

for Master's students with ACA student membership, up to a 60% discount for new professionals individually insured through HPSO, a 10% discount for all other individually insured ACA members, an opportunity for an additional 10% off with completion of CEs at the ACA conference, and up to a 15% risk management orientation discount for private practices or incorporated entities.

### Health Insurance Programs

ACA provides assistance with 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 at no cost exclusively to ACA members 5 days a week with a 72-hour inquiry response time.

## Advocacy

From advocating 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.

## A Community of Your Own

### ACA Connect

This online members-only networking tool 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 highly engaged on Facebook (@American.Counseling.Association), Twitter (@CounselingViews) and Instagram (@AmericanCounselingAssociation). Like and follow us to get news, deadline reminders, information about special promotions, contests, deals and more.

### 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 Discounts

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

**Find out more about all that ACA membership has to offer at [counseling.org/membership](https://www.counseling.org/membership).**

# AARC and ACA Membership Application 2018–2019

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**AARC/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](http://counseling.org)

## Membership Desired

**Joining AARC/ACA or AARC 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](http://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](http://counseling.org) with your username and password and select "Add a Division," or contact an ACA Engagement Specialist at 800-347-6647 x222, M–F 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, ET.

### Joining AARC and ACA, check one

	AARC	ACA	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$37.00 +	\$185.00 =	\$222.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$37.00 +	\$185.00 =	\$222.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional*	\$27.00 +	\$102.00 =	\$129.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$27.00 +	\$102.00 =	\$129.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired (see qualification)	\$27.00 +	\$102.00 =	\$129.00

### Joining AARC only, check one

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

	AARC	Fee	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$37.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$47.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$37.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$47.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional*	\$27.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$37.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$27.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$37.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	\$27.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$37.00

\*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.

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**Credit Card Payments:** To join using a debit/credit card, log on to [counseling.org/membership](http://counseling.org/membership) to pay online, or contact an ACA Engagement Specialist at 800-347-6647 x222, M–F 8:30 am–5:30 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, contact an ACA Engagement Specialist at 800-347-6647 x222, M–F 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, ET.

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