

Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling
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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)*;
- Opportunities for recognition and promotion of student research through the Donald Hood Student Research Grant, Multicultural Assessment and Research in Counseling Student Grant, and the Emerging Leaders Awards;
- Opportunities for promotion of student and professional members' research through sponsored grants;
- 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 five consecutive years. To verify eligibility, please contact ACA Member Services at 800-298-2276 or memberservices@counseling.org.

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

JOIN NOW

Online counseling.org/membership

Phone 800-298-2276
M–F 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., ET

Mail Application and payment to:
American Counseling Association
Attn: Accounting
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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 career, 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, career consultations (member's only), search strategies, and much more. ACA members also have opportunities to nominate and be recognized numerous awards.

Continuing Education

ACA makes earning your CE credits easy and affordable through quality online courses offered 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 \$299 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 up to an average of 14 hours of in-person CEs in hundreds of unique sessions created specifically for counseling professionals.

News, Information & Inspiration

Whether it's the award winning bimonthly *Counseling Today* magazine, quarterly electronic counseling research journal, *Journal of Counseling & Development* (print copies available for a fee), or the weekly updates in *The Listening Post* member newsletter and *Counseling Insider* email newsletter, you have access to countless, timely resources at your fingertips

ACA Bookstore

Keep up with your professional reading in hundreds of titles. 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 Organiza-

tion (HPSO). Benefits include complimentary coverage for Master's students with ACA student membership and special discounts to other members.

Other Insurance Programs

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

Ethics Consultations

Get the support you need. Consultations are available at no cost exclusively to ACA members five 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 offers 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, X and Instagram (@ACACounselors). 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 or practice areas and 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.

Visit [counseling.org/membership](https://www.counseling.org/membership) to learn more about ACA member benefits.

AARC and ACA Membership Application

Source code: N24XDAC

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/Institution _____

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/knowledge-center/ethics.

Membership Desired

Joining AARC/ACA or AARC Only: Select your member category below, complete the application and 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, contact an ACA Member Services at 800-298-2276, M–F 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., ET.

Joining AARC and ACA, check one

	AARC	ACA	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$40.00 +	\$189.00 =	\$229.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$40.00 +	\$189.00 =	\$229.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional*	\$30.00 +	\$105.00 =	\$135.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$15.00 +	\$105.00 =	\$120.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired <i>(see qualification)</i>	\$30.00 +	\$105.00 =	\$135.00

Joining AARC only, check one

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

	AARC	Fee	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$40.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$40.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional*	\$30.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$15.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired <i>(see qualification)</i>	\$30.00 +	\$10.00 =	\$40.00

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

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

Journal Electronic Access

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 purchase a single printed copy of the JCD, visit <https://ondemand.sheridan.com/pages/wiley-home>. All members should update their email address in the space provided above, regardless of how you wish to receive your ACA journal per issue.

Payment Method

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

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Credit Card Payments: Current ACA members who wish to join a division(s) must contact ACA's Member Services at 800-298-2276, M-F, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET. To order a single printed copy of the JCD, visit <https://ondemand.sheridan.com/pages/wiley-home>. Division dues will be prorated to sync to your ACA membership expiration date. First-time ACA members can join both ACA and any division during the initial online application process (counseling.org/membership).

Payment Options

Annual – 1 payment in full (no processing fee)

Quarterly – 4 payments paid equally each quarter

To sign up for the quarterly payment plan, contact an ACA Member Services at 800-298-2276, M–F 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., ET.

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