

Military and Government Counseling Association
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AMERICAN COUNSELING
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MGCA

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Counseling Association

Your way to connect and stay current.



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 sub-

mitted 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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What is MGCA?

MGCA is an association whose members provide counseling and education programs and services for members of the Veteran military

community as well as other government agencies at the federal, state, or local level. MGCA provides a network to serve the professional needs of its members via affiliation with the 50,000+ members of the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the divisions of ACA.

MGCA was organized to:

- Encourage, deliver, and participate in meaningful guidance, counseling, and education programs for all persons.
- Encourage, develop, facilitate, and promote professional development activities for administrators, counselors, and education services providers, whether employed by governmental agencies, private contractors or colleges and universities serving the military and Veterans.
- Develop and promote the highest standards of professional conduct among administrators, counselors, and education services providers, whether employed by governmental agencies, private contractors or colleges and universities serving the military and Veterans.
- Establish and maintain full communications networks among such professionals.
- Conduct professional development activities on topics related to members' specialized work settings.
- Foster and encourage participation and involvement of MGCA members with members of ACA and its divisions at conferences, including regional and state ACA branch, and division conferences in order to promote exchanges of knowledge, information and expertise.

Who Joins MGCA?

Among members are:

- Those providing counseling, education, assessment or other support activities or services to pre-service active duty, reserve, or Veterans such as education services officers, counselors, family services, transition, relocation, family advocacy specialists, chaplains, drug and alcohol and rehabilitation counselors and any other related professional, whether employed by a government agency, private contractor or colleges and universities serving this population.

Benefits of Joining MGCA

Beside the benefits of ACA membership, MGCA provides members with:

- The *MGCA E-letter* (electronic), is sent to members to share news of importance.
- Networks among professionals with similar interests via website

links and other means.

- Workshops and training seminars typically offered in conjunction with the ACA Conference & Expo.
- A yearly Professional Development Institute (PDI) during the Pre-conference Learning Institute at the ACA Conference & Expo.
- Access to the MGCA Online *Journal of Military and Government Counseling* (<http://mgcaonline.org>) to review peer reviewed counseling and educational articles.
- MGCA Newsletters (<http://mgcaonline.org>) to keep active on various issues and events impacting counselors and educators in government.
- Networking with MGCA on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/acamgca>)

Types of Membership - ACA membership required

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.

JOIN NOW

Online counseling.org

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800-347-6647 x222
M-F, 8 am – 6 pm, ET

Mail Application and payment to:
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- **Like Us on Facebook:** Military and Government Counseling Association
- **Follow us on Twitter:** twitter.com/ACA_MGCA
- **Webpage:** www.mgcaonline.org

MGCA and ACA Membership Application 2015–2016

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 _____

MGCA/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

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 to view the prorated dues amounts.

Joining MGCA and ACA, check one

	MGCA	ACA	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$30.00	+ \$168.00	= \$198.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$30.00	+ \$168.00	= \$198.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New Professional*	\$20.00	+ \$96.00	= \$116.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$20.00	+ \$96.00	= \$116.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired (<i>see qualification</i>)	\$20.00	+ \$96.00	= \$116.00

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

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

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

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 Specialists 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 Specialists at 800-347-6647 x222, M–F, 8 am – 6 pm, ET.

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