

The American Counseling Association

Value Added



Why Become a Part?

- Publications
- Benefits for Counselors
- Benefits for Students
- Resources
- Press Room
- Public Policy
- Career Center
- Convention

ACA Mission

- 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.

History of ACA

- Founded in 1952 by four independent associations
- National Vocational Guidance Association
- National Association for Guidance and Trainers
- Student Personnel Association for Teacher Education
- American College Personnel Association

Organization of ACA

- 19 Divisions
- 4 Regions
- 56 Branches

ACA Divisions

- Enhance Professional Identity
- Organized around specific interest and practice

ACA Governance

- Governing Council
- Provides Strategic Leadership
- Composed of:
 - Nationally Elected ACA Officers
 - An Appointed Treasurer
 - One Representative from each region
 - Student Representatives

ACA Committees

- Awards
- Bylaws and Policies
- Cyber-Technology
- Ethics
- Financial Affairs
- Human Rights
- Public Policy and Legislation

ACA Interest Networks

- Children's Counseling Issues
- Advances in Therapeutic Humor
- Multi-Racial Multi-Ethnic Counseling Concerns
- Jewish Interests
- Sports Counseling
- Traumatology
- Women's Issues

Membership Services

- Publications
- Counseling Today
- Journal of Counseling
- ACA e-news
- Books and Videos
- Career Counseling & Employment Opportunities

Membership Services & Benefits

- Networking
- Partnership with Career builder.com
- Professional Learning
- Online Courses
- Home Study Programs
- Public Policy
- Code Of Ethics
- Legislative institute

ACA Helping Others

- ACA Foundation
- David K Brooks Jr. Distinguished Mentor Award
- The Human Concerns Fund
- The Legal Defense Fund
- Professional Advocacy Fund

ACA Insurance Trust

- The mission of the ACA insurance Trust is to provide the finest available insurance programs to the counseling profession. ACAIT seeks to find products that are competitively priced while providing the best possible coverage and service.

Student Learning, Networking and Leadership Opportunities

- Volunteering at the ACA Annual Convention
- Graduate Student Association
- Ross Trust Scholarship
- Ethics Competition
- Student Representative to Governing Council
- Student Representatives to Committees
- Student Focus in Counseling Today

ACA Website

- www.counseling.org
- Virtual Library
- Purchase Books and videos
- Online Learning
- Code of Ethics online
- Virtual Library
- Career Center

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Latest Information

- Black History Month Quiz on E-News Volume IX Issue 4
- Press Room
- Journals
- Student Section
- Public Policy
- Career Center
- Convention