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 $300 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 it 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 Counseling 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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Benefits of Joining AADA

• Subscriptions to AADA’s biannual Adultspan professional journal and periodic division newsletters.
• Access to current information on the website (www.aadaweb.org) and the AADA email communications
• Opportunities for skill development and professional growth through participation in AADA and ACA sponsored activities.
• Complimentary and Personalized Life Series Brochures that focus on developmental issues facing adults.

Who Joins AADA?

Counselors, service providers in the helping professions, family counselors, service providers in the helping professions, family members, legislators, and other community service agencies and persons interested in matters related to the development and needs of adults across the life span are all encouraged to join AADA.

What is AADA?

The Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA) was founded in 1986 to serve as a focal point within the American Counseling Association (ACA) for information sharing, distribution, service, professional development, and advocacy issues related to counseling adults across the lifespan in a multicultural society.

AADA seeks to improve the standards of professional service to adults of all ages by:
• Improving the competence and skills of ACA members.
• Expanding professional work opportunities in adult development and aging.
• Promoting the lifelong development and wellness of all adults.
• Addressing issues related to aging, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and disability.
• Advocating for social justice so that all adults may achieve their highest potential.
• Highlighting special issues and needs associated with aging in a multicultural society.
• Promoting standards for professional preparation for counselors of adults across the lifespan.

AADA Membership Only

Regular (Associate): Regular (Associate) membership is not contingent upon membership in ACA. Persons whose interests and activities are consistent with those of AADA, but who are not qualified for professional membership, may be admitted as Regular (Associate) members of the association.

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

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 AADA, 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 AADA members for the past 5 consecutive years.

Joining AADA and ACA: Select your member category below, complete the application and fax or 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 to your ACA membership, log on to counseling.org with your username and password and select “Add a Division,” or contact the ACA Member Services at 800-347-6647 x222, M–F, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., ET.

Joining AADA and ACA: check one

[ ] Professional $43.00 + $163.00 = $206.00
[ ] Regular $43.00 + $163.00 = $206.00
[ ] New Professional* $26.00 + $93.00 = $119.00
[ ] Student* $26.00 + $93.00 = $119.00
[ ] Retired (see qualification) $21.50 + $93.00 = $114.50

Joining AADA only, check one

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

Joining AADA 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 __________
Affiliation or occupation ________________________________________________________________
Organization ________________________________________________________________
Work Ph (___) ___________________________ Home Ph (___) ___________________________
Cell Ph (___) ___________________________
Fax (___) ___________________________ Email ___________________________

AADA/ACA Membership Dues: Membership in AADA means that you will abide by ACAA’s Bylaws and other governing documents and are qualified for the membership category selected. By becoming an AADA member, you are agreeing to be subject to the rules, regulations of the terms of the ACAA Code of Ethics which can include appropriate sanctions up to suspension or expulsion from ACAA and public notice about any such action. The ACAA Code of Ethics is available at counseling.org.

Membership Desired

Journal of Counseling & Development (JCD)

The Journal of Counseling & Development (JCD), which includes the full digital archive going back to 1/1. 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 ACAA journal.

Payment Method

Total amount enclosed or to be charged $_____________

[ ] Manual Renewal Option: In my anniversary month each year, please charge my credit card at the rates effective at that time for my ACA and Division membership(s). My current email address is: ____________________________

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

Charge to: [ ] VISA [ ] MasterCard [ ] AmEx [ ] Discover Card # __________ Exp Date __________

Security Code: (3 or 4 digits on front or back of card)

Cardholder’s Name (print) ____________________________
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Authorized Signature ____________________________ Date __________

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