The Benefits of Joining the ACA

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 $100 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 specialty-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 Counselor 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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Enhance your division membership by joining ACA Today. Connect to counseling.org for more information.
IAMFC is an organization that promotes excellence in the practice of couples and family counseling. IAMFC is unique because it uses a broad systemic approach to counseling with couples and families. IAMFC focuses on the multitude of problems connected with marital and family issues related to the practice and training of professionals directly and indirectly involved in couples and family counseling/therapy.

IAMFC’s goals include:
- Promote ethical practices in couples and family counseling/therapy
- Encourage research in couples and family counseling/therapy
- Share knowledge and emphasize adherence to the highest quality training of couples and family counselors/therapists
- Provide a forum for dialogue on relevant issues related to couples and family counseling/therapy
- Examine ways to intervene in systems
- Help couples and families cope more successfully with life challenges
- Use counseling knowledge and systemic methods to ameliorate the problems confronting couples and families

Who Joins IAMFC?
Professionals directly and indirectly involved in couples and family counseling/therapy.

Benefits of Joining IAMFC
- IAMFC Distinguished Presenter Series
- IAMFC Video Series of Master Clinicians
- IAMFC Code of Ethics
- IAMFC website www.iamfconline.org
- National Credentialing Academy website http://nationalcredentialingacademy.com
- Liability insurance from the largest mental health insurance provider at discount rates
- 4 issues of the award-winning The Family Journal
- Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy Skill Training Workshop Information
- Opportunities for professional growth and leadership through participation in IAMFC-sponsored activities
- Support through interactions with professionals who share similar activities and concerns.
- Family Therapy Certification information through IAMFC’s affiliation with the National Credentialing Academy.

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 master’s 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 IAMFC without joining ACA, a processing fee of $10 will apply.

Joining IAMFC

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Joining IAMFC/ACA or IAMFC Only:

**Joining IAMFC/ACA**
- Professional: $60.00 + $163.00 = $223.00
- Regular: $60.00 + $163.00 = $223.00
- New Professional*: $44.00 + $93.00 = $137.00
- Student*: $44.00 + $93.00 = $137.00
- Retired (or qualifications): $44.00 + $93.00 = $137.00

**Joining IAMFC only, check one**
- Without joining ACA a $10 processing fee is applied.

### Payment Method

#### Total amount enclosed or to be charged __________

- **Automatic 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 credit card information is:
  - Security Code: [3 or 4 digits on front or back of card]
  - Cardholder’s Name (print) __________
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### Journal Print Fee (optional)

All ACA members only receive electronic access to 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 check below and 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.

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### Membership Desired

**Joining IAMFC/ACA or IAMFC Only:** Select your membership category below, complete the application and fax or mail it to the American Counseling Association or join online at counseling.org or IAMFConline.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.

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### Important Information

- **Books and monographs**
- **The Family Digest** (received 3x/yr-electronic format)
- **IAMFC Conference**

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