



AMERICAN COUNSELING
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MGCA

Military and Government
Counseling Association

Your way to connect and stay current.



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A Division of the American Counseling Association

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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 first responders, civilian government employees, 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.
- Networking with MGCA on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/acaaceg>)

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/membership

Phone 800-298-2276
M-F 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, ET

Mail Application and payment to:
American Counseling Association
Attn: Accounting
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- **Like Us on Facebook:** Military and Government Counseling Association
- **Webpage:** www.mgcaonline.org

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 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 Development

Career Advancement Resources

Take advantage of ACA's Career Central, where you have access to free resume critiques, mock interviews, job listings, search strategies and much more. ACA members also have opportunities to nominate and be recognized with more than 20 members-only awards.

Continuing Education

ACA makes earning your CE credits easy in our affordable, quality online courses available for you to take 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 \$264 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 more than 30 hours of in-person CEs in hundreds of unique sessions created specifically for counseling professionals.

News, Information & Inspiration

Whether it's the monthly *Counseling Today* magazine, quarterly electronic counseling research journal, *Journal of Counseling & Development* (print copies available for a fee), or the weekly updates in our free *Counseling Insider* and *Member Minute* email newsletters (special focus editions also available), you have access to countless, timely resources at your fingertips.

ACA Bookstore

Keep up with your professional reading in hundreds of titles all at a special member discount. 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 Organization (HPSO). Benefits include complimentary coverage

for Master's students with ACA student membership, up to a 60% discount for new professionals individually insured through HPSO, a 10% discount for all other individually insured ACA members, an opportunity for an additional 10% off with completion of CEs at the ACA conference, and up to a 15% risk management orientation discount for private practices or incorporated entities.

Health Insurance Programs

ACA provides assistance with 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 at no cost exclusively to ACA members 5 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 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 highly engaged on Facebook (@American.Counseling.Association), Twitter (@CounselingViews) and Instagram (@AmericanCounselingAssociation). 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 and practice areas or 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.

Find out more about all that ACA membership has to offer at counseling.org/membership.

MGCA and ACA Membership Application 2019–2020

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	\$35.00	+\$189.00	= \$224.00
[<input type="checkbox"/>] Regular	\$35.00	+\$189.00	= \$224.00
[<input type="checkbox"/>] New Professional*	\$25.00	+\$105.00	= \$130.00
[<input type="checkbox"/>] Student*	\$25.00	+\$105.00	= \$130.00
[<input type="checkbox"/>] Retired (see qualification)	\$25.00	+\$105.00	= \$130.00

***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, log on to counseling.org/membership to pay online, or contact an ACA Engagement Specialist at 800-298-2276, M–F 8:30 am – 5:30 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, contact an ACA Engagement Specialist at 800-298-2276, M–F 8:30 am – 5:30 pm, ET.

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