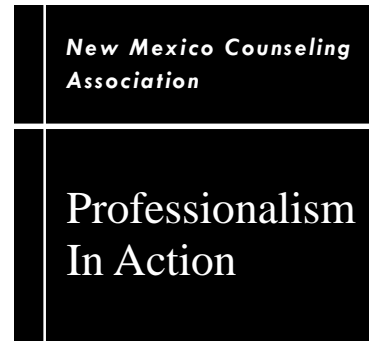


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What is the New Mexico Counseling Association?

The New Mexico Counseling Association (NMCA), a state branch of the American Counseling Association (ACA), is the unique counseling association which offers networking with a diversity of counselors.

- *NMCA serves six distinctly different counseling divisions.*
- *NMCA supports state-wide licensing of professional counselors and serves as an advocate for counselors with the NM Counseling and Therapy Practice Board.*
- *NMCA offers continuing education throughout the year for professional counselors in liaison with the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) .*
- *NMCA communicates and networks with counselors through its quarterly newsletter and its website and recognizes individual counselor competence through awards and commendations.*
- *NMCA offers professional growth and networking of counselors through an annual state-wide conference and division workshops.*
- *NMCA promotes ethical standards and responds to the ethical questions of members.*

The New Mexico Counseling Association Divisions

New Mexico School Counselors Association (NMSCA) A division of the American School Counselor Association, serving master's level counselors who work primarily in school settings.

New Mexico Mental Health Counselors Association (NMMHCA) A division of the American Mental Health Counselors Association, serving licensed counselors who hold a master's degree or higher. Included are those in mental health centers, public or private agencies and private practice.

New Mexico Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (NMACES) A division of the American Association for Counselor Education & Supervision, serving counselor educators or supervisors of counselors in a variety of settings.

New Mexico Career Development Association (NMCDA) A division of the National Career Development Association, serving counselors and related professionals employed in schools, colleges, rehabilitation agencies, corrections, mental health agencies, private business and industry, offering options for career choices.

New Mexico Association for Spiritual, Ethical & Religious Values in Counseling (NMA SERVIC) A division of the national Association for Spiritual, Ethical & Religious Values in Counseling, serving professional counselors and human development specialists who focus on holistic practice and pastoral care and counseling.

New Mexico Advocates for Social Justice (NMA SJ) An organization designed to address the work of counselors in the larger context of community, seeking to promote social justice through advocacy and conscious intervention.

Membership in the New Mexico Counseling Association

Membership in NMCA is open to persons whose primary responsibilities or interests are in the counseling or human development field and who recognize that all people routinely need help and advisement as they experience the normal stages and transitions of life. Counselors and human development specialists help people of all ages, cultures, and physical capabilities reach their maximum potential in their personal lives, their education, and their career.

Types of Membership

There are four types of individual voting membership in NMCA.

- **Professional members** hold a master's degree or higher in counseling or a closely related field from a college or university that was accredited when the degree was awarded by one of the regional accrediting bodies recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. Professional members must present proof of academic credentials upon request.
- **Regular members** are individuals whose interests and activities are consistent with those of the association, but are not qualified for professional membership.
- **Retired members** are eligible for continued membership if they have retired from the profession of counseling.

Students are eligible for student membership if they are enrolled in a minimum of six graduate credit hours or nine undergraduate credit hours per semester, leading toward a degree in counseling or a counseling related field. Verification by the student and the student's professor is required annually. The year after leaving school, renewing members are eligible for a special post-student member rate.

Membership Fees

- **Professional/Regular** membership includes one division for \$60. If more than one division is desired, add \$15 for each additional division.
- **Retired/Student** membership includes one division for \$30. If more than one division is desired, add \$15 for each additional division.
- **Post-student** membership. The year after leaving school, renewing members are eligible for a special post-student membership at the student rate.

Memberships are renewed annually. Members receive renewal notices prior to the anniversary date of their joining the association. Members receive a certificate.

Whether experienced counselors or human development specialists for years or those just beginning, NMCA provides members with the tools and opportunities to make a positive impact on their professional development as well as the counseling profession.

To join NMCA and the divisions that meet your needs and interests, complete the membership application on the right and return it with your payment to:

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Membership
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Professional Retired New Member
 Regular Student Renewal

Name _____ Licensure or Title _____

Mailing Address _____ Place of Employment _____

City, State, _____ Zip+4 _____ Employer Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Fax Number _____ E-mail Address _____

DIVISION:

- New Mexico School Counselors Association (NMSCA): elementary, mid/jr. high, high, other: _____
 New Mexico Mental Health Counselors Association (NMMHCA)
 New Mexico Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NMACES)
 New Mexico Career Development Association (NMCDA)
 New Mexico Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling (NMASERVIC)
 New Mexico Advocates for Social Justice (NMAJSJ)

FEES:

- Professional/Regular Membership (Includes one division) \$ 60.00
 Retired/Student Membership (Includes one division) \$ 30.00
 Post-Student (special fee for former student members first year after leaving school) \$ 30.00
 Additional Division/s (each) \$ 15.00
 Optional contribution to the NMCA Community Fund \$ 5.00
[This fund is used to assist members with out-of-state professional development opportunities and/or with advocacy activities.]

Total \$ _____

Members of NMCA follow the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics. Joining NMCA indicates agreement to follow this ethical code, which can be found in its entirety on the American Counseling Association website.

CERTIFICATION:

Required if applying for professional, retired or student membership. I certify that (check all applicable boxes and sign below):

Professional/Retired-I hold a master's degree or higher in counseling or a closely related field from an institution that was accredited when the degree was awarded by one of the regional accrediting bodies recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. I understand that I must present proof of academic credentials upon request.

Highest Degree _____ College or University _____ Member's Signature _____

—OR—

Student-I am a student enrolled in a minimum of six graduate credit hours or nine undergraduate credit hours per semester, leading toward a degree in counseling or a counseling related field.

Student's Signature _____ Professor's Signature (Student status must be documented annually.) _____

College or University _____ Degree Pursued _____

NMCA's membership list is made available to carefully screened individuals and organizations. If you do NOT want to receive their materials, please initial here.

Some divisions publish a membership directory. If you do NOT want your name published, please initial here.

PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:
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