

VACES

Promoting the growth and competence of counselor educators, supervisors, and students through:

1. The endorsement of accreditation processes and professional development activities;
2. Improvements in the academic and supervisory experience;
3. Attention to current and relevant research devoted to counselor education and supervision;
4. An adherence to the ethical standards governing counseling, counselor education, and supervision;
5. The promotion of regional and national leadership among current and aspiring counselor educators and supervisors;
6. A commitment to improve counseling and supervision in all settings of society by promoting social justice and advocacy.

We support the vision statement of our parent organization

ACES will be recognized as a vanguard of change within the counseling profession. We are guided by our commitment to:

- Advance pedagogy related to the education and training of counselors, supervisors, and counselor educators
- Affirm and deliver education and supervision related to counseling in a culturally diverse society
- Promote a unified professional identity for counselors, supervisors, and counselor educators; and
- Provide and disseminate premier research and scholarship

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of counselor educators,
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Joining VACES

Why Join VACES?

Students –

A Commitment to our Future

As a student member of VACES, your voice can be heard within the state's leading organization of counselor educators and supervisors. The graduate student liaison to the VACES Board advocates for your needs and has full voting privileges and responsibilities. VACES promotes the best practices in multicultural training and supervision. Additionally, VACES is an excellent way to network with students, faculty, and supervisors from across the Commonwealth, broadening professional possibilities after graduation.



VACES is at the forefront of ACES chapters with respect to fostering the professional development of students. For the 7th year running, VACES has partnered with counseling graduate students in holding an annual Counseling Graduate Student Conference. The conference offers students from all of the counselor education training programs in Virginia an opportunity to come together for a day of professional development and networking.

This year more than 40 students gave presentations on topics of interest to counselors ranging from managing grief and loss, to enhancing multicultural awareness, and applying theory to group practice.

Faculty - VACES represents faculty on legislative, licensure, and accreditation platforms. The organization also updates faculty on current trends in counselor training and supervision, including diversity and social justice issues. Additionally, VACES provides a community of support and growth for counselor educators and supervisors.

Supervisors - Supervision is crucial for ensuring the next generation of competent counselors and counselor educators. Supervision also can encourage today's practitioners to continue their professional development and update their awareness, knowledge, and skills. Regardless of your setting or whether you supervise counselors-in-training, counselors seeking licensure, or consult with experienced counselors, VACES would like to be your professional organization. By joining VACES, you are engaging with others committed to providing exemplary supervision.

VACES membership helps field supervisors remain connected with their counterparts and faculty in training programs as well as their past interns. All supervisors are kept current on trends in supervision through meetings, workshops, and conferences. Field supervisors in schools and agencies will find

meaningful recognition of their role in the professional development of interns and new counselors.



Ready to Join VACES?

Membership in VCA is required to join VACES. Joining VACES is easy. If you are already a VCA member, go to www.VCACounselors.org and select the Membership Information tab from the menu. You will be directed to the VCA membership page. Simply add VACES as one of your divisions. If you are not a VCA member and are interested in joining VCA & VACES, visit the VCA website for complete details. If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Development Chair.

