Professional Organizations

Pennsylvania Counseling Association (PCA). PCA is a state branch of the American Counseling Association and part of the North Atlantic Region. An important part of the mission of PCA is to represent and promote professional counseling in Pennsylvania and to provide leadership and professional development for our state's professional counselors.

Pennsylvania School Counselors Association (PSCA). The Pennsylvania School Counselors Association is a professional organization, which represents School Counseling in Pennsylvania. The PSCA Mission Statement: The Mission of the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association is to expand the image and influence of professional school counselors, to promote professional and ethical practice, and to advocate for equity and access for all students.

American Counseling Association (ACA) ACA is the world's largest association representing professional Counselors in various practice settings. The ACA Student membership now includes free liability insurance to ACA student members enrolled and engaged in a master's degree Counseling curriculum at a post-secondary institution. Coverage is solely while performing Counseling services (e.g. practicum and internship) related to such curriculum.

American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Promotes professional school Counseling; encourages interest in activities that affect personal, educational and career development of students and works with parents, educators, and community members to provide a positive learning environment. The ASCA Student membership now includes free liability insurance to ASCA student members enrolled and engaged in a master's degree Counseling curriculum at a post-secondary institution.

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Leads the way to increasing understanding, research and education in the field of marriage and family therapy, and ensuring that the public's needs are met by trained practitioners.

American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA) Represents mental health Counselors in public or private practice and many behavioral health settings, advocating to protect their right to practice, with special reference to the issues of public policy and managed care on the national and state levels.

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Emphasizes the need for quality education and supervision of Counselors for all work settings.