

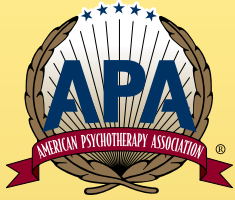
THE AMERICAN PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION



Fostering a community of inspiration, support, and education for our family of members as they enhance the lives of the people they touch.

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About the American Psychotherapy Association, APA



The American Psychotherapy Association (APA) is a membership society for psychotherapists of various disciplines including counseling, social work, marriage and family therapy, psychology, nurse psychotherapy, pastoral counseling, psychiatry, psychoanalysis, psychotherapy, and other related fields. APA's purpose is to establish a cohesive national organization that advances the mental health profession by elevating standards through education and basic and advanced training and that credentials ethical, highly educated, and well-trained psychotherapists.

Benefits of Membership

- Practice-building information and support, including regular columns in our journal
- Listing in "Find a Therapist" national referral service
- Advocacy at the state and national levels
- Prestigious Diplomate and Fellow status
- Board Certified in Professional Counseling certification
- Certified Relationship Specialist certification
- Prestigious Master Therapist designation
- **Free** subscription to *Annals of the American Psychotherapy Association*
- National conferences with discounted member rates
- Continuing education credits
- Networking opportunities with fellow mental health professionals

Annals of the American Psychotherapy Association



- Stay up-to-date on issues that affect your practice and patients.
- Learn more about practice management, the latest treatment practices, cutting edge research, social work, spirituality, addiction, relationships, managed care, ethics, prescription medications, life coaching, and much more.
- Earn continuing education credits through journal learning.
- Gain recognition and prestige among your peers by publishing articles in *Annals* with assistance from the *Annals* editorial staff.

National Conferences

- Increase your knowledge of the field through exclusive cutting-edge continuing education programs.
- Establish personal friendships and take part in professional networking opportunities with other APA members.
- Attend keynote addresses by renowned speakers such as Albert Ellis, Ernest Rossi, William Glasser, and others.

Membership in APA

APA offers many different levels of membership. Find out which level best suits you!

Membership Levels

- **Student Member**—Available to those who are enrolled in at least 9 credit hours per semester. For these students there is a reduced membership fee that assures special opportunities for further education.
- **Member**—Available to all individuals interested in advancing in the psychotherapy field.
- **Life Member**—Demonstrates loyalty, support, and dedication to the field of psychotherapy. The one-time contribution entitles members to lifetime access to all of APA's member benefits.
- **Diplomate Status**—Distinguishes the psychotherapist as having met specific and stringent competency-based requirements in the field of psychotherapy.
- **Fellow Status**—A high honor showing the psychotherapist has achieved advanced standing or recognition in the field of psychotherapy as a result of significant contributions through years of continuous service to his or her profession.
- **Master Therapist**—This designation, which is the highest honor that APA can bestow upon a member, recognizes mental health professionals who have dedi-

cated their lives to helping people. These professionals have demonstrated a mastery of psychotherapy skills and knowledge and made significant contributions to the advancement of their fields and professions. They have also established careers that have been distinguished by high quality and the highest ethical standards, and devoted themselves to humanitarian efforts and charitable works that have bettered society.

Certification through APA

APA offers qualified members the opportunity to exhibit their strong professional background and dedication to their clients through its prestigious certification programs. Find out if one of APA's certifications is right for you!

Certifications

- **Certified Relationship Specialist, CRS**—This designation demonstrates to clients, peers, and the public that a therapist has the skills, knowledge, experience, dedication, and expertise needed to help clients deal with all types of relationship problems.
- **Board Certified in Professional Counseling, BCPC**—This designation connects you with a community of counselors that are dedicated to working together not only to better serve clients, but also to provide support in your own professional development.





APA supplies its members with numerous continuing education (CE) opportunities in order to provide post-graduate, needs-based educational activities in psychotherapy. The CE program provides activities that build and maintain a foundation of knowledge and advanced skills in the mental health disciplines, explores exciting new techniques and practice specialties, and addresses ethical dilemmas inherent in the field to encourage the sharing of ideas and the advancement of the mental health profession.

APA offers a variety of avenues for acquiring CE credits.

- You can receive CE credits by reading articles in our peer-reviewed publication *Annals of the American Psychotherapy Association* and completing accompanying quizzes. To meet the busy professional's need for convenience and quality, the same articles and quizzes are also available online.
- CE credits are also awarded for participation at our conference presentations and workshops, for teaching courses or workshops, and for authoring articles, courses, or columns for *Annals of the American Psychotherapy Association*.

APA's continuing education offerings are jointly sponsored by the American College of Forensic Examiners International (ACFEI), APA's sister organization. ACFEI maintains responsibility and accreditations for APA's continuing education offerings.

ACFEI is approved to provide education credits from the following outside organizations and certifying bodies:

- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)
- California Board of Behavioral Sciences (CBBS)
- Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (CME)
- National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC)

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