



THE ASSOCIATION OF
COUNSELLING THERAPY
OF ALBERTA

Title	Student memberships
Date of Approval	June 8, 2022 by ACTA Board
Date of Review	June 2023
Authority	ACTA Board
Purpose	The purpose of this policy is to allow for student memberships in ACTA
Application	This policy applies to ACTA and members of ACTA.

Background:

- ACTA has not allowed for student memberships in the past as ACTA was set to quickly become the College of Counselling Therapy of Alberta. Health regulatory colleges do not typically have student memberships.
- Since the CCTA has been stalled, ACTA is now opening up memberships to students.
- The intention of allowing for student memberships is to prepare the potential new professionals for becoming regulated practitioners, and to allow students an avenue to show their support for regulation of the counselling professions.

Relevant sections of the ACTA Bylaws:

3.3 To be approved by the Board as a Member, an individual must:

- (a) hold and maintain a certification or designation that has been approved by the Board for the Expedited Route, or meet the requirements set out by the Board for the Intermediate Route, or

(b) meet the requirements set out by the Board for a student membership as outlined in section 3.3.1;

3.3.1 The Board may implement a non-voting category of student membership in accordance with policies passed by the Board. ACTA members in the student category will not receive membership into the College of Counselling Therapy of Alberta upon proclamation.

5.17 Each Member, in good standing, present at a meeting of Members, is entitled to one (1) vote, with the exception of student members. Student members are not entitled to vote.

Policy Statements:

1. ACTA will open the “student” category of ACTA membership in fall 2022.
2. The annual registration (membership) fee for a student membership is \$15 for one year or any portion thereof. This will not be prorated. There is no GST applied to membership fees. There is no application fee for students.
3. The membership year for students will align with the ACTA membership year (April 1 - March 31).
4. To qualify for a student membership in ACTA, the applicant must be:
 - a. in a counselling therapy, addiction counselling or child and youth care counselling program, or
 - b. actively attaining supervision, currency or direct client contact hours as required by ACTAAnd must not already qualify to apply to ACTA under the intermediate route.

5. When the student qualifies to apply through the intermediate route, the student membership will end and they will be expected to apply to ACTA through the IR to maintain their ACTA membership. The student member must advise ACTA when they no longer qualify to be a student and qualify to apply through the intermediate route.

6. The student applicant will provide the following information along with their fee:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Contact information
- Name of program (proof not required)
- Expected date of completion of program, supervision, currency and direct client contact hours (i.e. expected date they will qualify for membership through the Intermediate Route)

- Attestations as follows:
 - All of the information I have provided to ACTA is accurate. I further understand that I have an obligation to advise ACTA as soon as information I have provided under this application has changed.
 - I am a student (part time or full time) of a Counselling Therapy, Addiction Counselling or Child and Youth Care Counselling Program program, or I am currently actively attaining the required supervision, currency or direct client contact hours required for application to ACTA through the Intermediate Route.
 - I currently do not qualify for ACTA membership through the Intermediate Route.
 - I understand that my student membership does not guarantee that I will be accepted as an ACTA member for grandparenting in the CCTA, nor does it provide any advantage when applying to ACTA or CCTA in any other category of membership.
 - I understand that my student membership will terminate upon proclamation of the CCTA.
 - I understand that I must advise ACTA when I qualify to apply through the Intermediate Route. I further understand that when I qualify to apply to ACTA through the Intermediate Route, my student membership terminates and I must apply through the Intermediate Route to maintain a membership with ACTA.
 - I give ACTA permission to contact me through the contact information I have given for any reason related to ACTA business.
 - I understand that I must renew my ACTA student membership annually by April 1, according to ACTA's policies.
 - I understand that false or misleading statements made to ACTA, under this application or otherwise, can become negative considerations in my future applications to, or renewals with, ACTA or CCTA.