

MISSION

Counseling Psychology as a psychological specialty facilitates personal and interpersonal functioning across the life span with a focus on emotional, social, vocational, educational, health-related, developmental, and organizational concerns.

The specialty focuses on typical, atypical, and dysfunctional development, encompassing individual, family, group systems, and organizational perspectives.

By integrating theory, research, and practice, and with the awareness and skills to work with diverse populations, this specialty includes a broad range of practices that help people improve their well-being, alleviate distress and maladjustment, resolve crises, and increase their ability to function productively.

Counseling psychology uniquely encompasses normal developmental issues and problems associated with physical, emotional, and mental disorders.

PURPOSE

Division 17 brings together psychologists, students, and professional affiliates who are dedicated to promoting education and training, scientific investigation, practice, diversity, and public interest in professional psychology.

We support, encourage, and promote our members and celebrate our diversity. Division 17 strives to meet the interests of its members through Sections and Special Interest Groups (SIGs).

Sections (formal groups):

- Independent Practice
- Advancement of Women
- Society for Vocational Psychology
- Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Awareness
- Racial and Ethnic Diversity
- Prevention

SIGs (informal groups):

- Aging and Adult Development
- Children and Adolescents
- College Counseling Centers
- Supervision and Training
- Couples and Families
- Hypnosis
- Impaired Psychologists
- Group Counseling
- Men, Masculinity, and Men's Studies
- Organizational Counseling Psychology
- Teaching and Research in Qualitative Methods

BENEFITS

- Six issues annually of *The Counseling Psychologist* covering important theoretical, scientific, and professional issues, and the business proceedings of Division 17.
- Three issues of the *Division 17 Newsletter* with information about Division activities.
- Participation in the Division 17 program, hospitality suite, and social hours at the annual APA convention.
- Collaboration with others interested in Counseling Psychology.
- Access to the Division 17 listserv to exchange information and ideas.
- Involvement in Sections or SIGs.
- Advocacy efforts for Counseling Psychology within the field of psychology and the public sector.
- Division committee service.
- Division awards.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone whose interests and activities support the scientific or professional advancement of Counseling Psychology and who meets at least one of the following requirements:

- **Members and Associates** must hold comparable APA membership.
- **Professional Affiliates (PAs)** are masters or doctoral level counseling psychologists or professionals in related disciplines who are not APA members. PAs may not vote or hold office in the Division but may belong to Sections and SIGs.
- **International Affiliates (IAs)** are masters or doctoral level counseling psychologists or professionals in related disciplines who live outside the U.S. and who need not belong to APA. IAs may not vote or hold office in the division but may belong to Sections and SIGs.
- **Student Affiliates (SAs)** must be enrolled in a counseling psychology program. SAs may not vote on Division-wide issues or hold Division offices but may belong to Sections and SIGs. SAs also receive three issues of the Student Affiliate Group (SAG) Newsletter and may participate fully in SAG governance.

For further information, check: www.div17.org
