

Dear Student,

As the CEO of Australia's leading peak body for counselling and psychotherapy in Australia, I invite you to become a member of the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA).

We can't wait to welcome you into the fold. As a member, you will be joining a community of highly skilled practitioners, will receive free insurance for your placement(s), a free digital copy of our professional magazine *Psychotherapy and Counselling Today* and access to discounted professional development provided by our expert community of members. Membership is free for students. For a full list of our membership benefits, read the enclosed flyer, [and visit our website to join as a student member](#).

Importantly, you will be part of a respected organisation which advocates for the counselling and psychotherapy profession to government, communities, and stakeholders. PACFA maintains the highest standards for counselling and psychotherapy education and training across the country. Our advocacy promotes the benefits of counselling and psychotherapy, improves employment opportunities for practitioners, and gains recognition for the expertise of our members.

If your course meets our [Training Standards](#) for full membership, once you graduate you will be eligible for Provisional (New Graduate) membership. You will receive a 25% discount on your first annual membership fee, gain access to PACFA-exclusive partnerships, and can create a profile on our 'Find a Therapist' search so that clients are able to find you easily. As a provisional new graduate member, you will also be eligible to use one of PACFA's exclusive registered digital badge with the title Certified Practising Counsellor – and will receive a digital badge displaying this title.

Your participation in PACFA will be appreciated whether through our colleges, branches or Leadership Groups. Our College of Psychotherapy is setting new standards for psychotherapy training in Australia, and PACFA is proud to lead the sector with innovation such as the establishment of the Indigenous-led College of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Practices - recognising and supporting the development of Indigenous Healing Practice.

This year, PACFA aims to continue to energise this dynamic sector – working to increase accessibility of counselling and psychotherapy for the benefit of the Australian community.

We look forward to counting you as one of our highly-skilled and valuable members.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johanna de Wever', written in a cursive style.

Johanna de Wever | CEO



Our registered digital badge with the title Certified Practising Counsellor, available to PACFA members only.

Membership benefits

PACFA provides members with access to valuable services and resources, designed to promote professional excellence.

		Affiliate	Student	Academic	Provisional	Clinical
Promoting your profession						
Advocacy	We campaign for greater recognition of counsellors and psychotherapists by governments, private health funds and organisations that provide counselling services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promotion	PACFA advocates for the counselling and psychotherapy professions to the public via media and on social media	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Member resources						
Digital membership badge	Access PACFA-exclusive registered digital badge for use on your communication and promotion materials				✓	✓
Members-only jobs board	Access counselling and psychotherapy specific jobs, targeted to PACFA members	✓		✓	✓	✓
Professional indemnity insurance	Access to affordable insurance cover through our partner Insurance House, with free insurance included in student membership		✓		✓	✓
Free Branch membership	Professional development and networking opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free College membership	Network with, and learn from, other practitioners in the same modality	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Code of ethics	As a self-regulating body, PACFA members are guided by our code of ethics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CPD & practice support						
Supervision	Access a list of highly qualified PACFA-accredited supervisors and low-cost group supervision	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Endorsed supervision training	Endorsed supervisor training programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounted CPD events	Access to member-discounted high quality online and face to face CPD run by PACFA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Endorsed CPD	Access to PACFA-endorsed CPD that meets our membership renewal requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Free webinar CPD	Access to past PACFA webinar recordings, free of charge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ethics Help Desk	Free ethics advice help line	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jobs and practice growth	Eligible members* have access to up to 10 health fund rebates, can register with numerous employee assistance programs, and can become NDIS providers				✓	✓
Find a therapist profile	Free promotion via the member therapist directory on our website				✓	✓
Professional advice	Professional practice support from expert PACFA staff	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Staying connected						
PACJA Journal	Access to the international, peer-reviewed journal, PACJA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Printed PACFA Magazine, <i>Psychotherapy and Counselling Today</i>	Providing opinion pieces, clinical articles and more	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enewsletter	Updates on PACFA's advocacy work each month, member opportunities, useful information, updates and more	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Council and AGM	Twice-yearly platform for the counselling and psychotherapy community to share best practice, network and learn			✓	✓	✓
Conference	Our conference is held every two years on emerging themes in counselling and psychotherapy, with discounted tickets available to our members	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Individual eligibility criteria apply. Not all initiatives accept applications from Provisional members, and some require certain qualifications.