

IECA MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES



IECA offers three categories of membership: Professional, Associate, and Student. This chart will help you determine which is right for you. Dues are payable using a variety of payment plans and are pro-rated based on date of acceptance.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The professional membership category is for consultants who have demonstrated a professional mastery with years of experience. Annual dues for Professional Membership are \$600.

Professional membership requirements include:

- A master's degree or higher from an accredited institution. Or alternatively, an applicant may demonstrate comparable educational training or appropriate professional experience.
- Three years of experience in educational placement counseling or admissions, including a minimum of one year of independent educational consulting.
- Professional references from at least three college or independent school admissions officers or psychologists/ counselors or other educational counseling professionals with whom the applicant has worked in the admission process. One reference may be from an IECA member or a client family.

- A minimum of 50 students advised while he or she was employed in an institutional setting or working in private practice.
- A minimum requirement of evaluative campus visits within each specialty area (only specialties you choose for yourself apply):

College	50 visits
Boarding/Day Schools	25 visits
LD Schools/Programs*	25 visits
Troubled Teen Programs*	50 visits
Graduate & Professional School*	25 visits

**A supplemental application will be required for acceptance in these specialty areas. The application can be downloaded from the IECA Web site at: www.iecaonline.com/membership_specialty.html or you can call the IECA office for this form.*

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate membership is for those new to the field of independent educational consulting, who expect to meet membership requirements within two years, or those who are transitioning into the field of independent consulting from a school or institutional position. Associate members receive many of the benefits of professional membership, excluding listing in the IECA print or online directory. Associate Membership dues are \$300 per year.

Associate membership requirements include:

- One-year minimum experience in educational placement counseling or admissions (may be satisfied alternatively by completing IECA's Summer Training Institute, a University of California College Counseling Certificate Program, or the UC Irvine Independent Educational Consultant Certificate Program).
- Reference from an IECA member or a college or independent school admissions officer, or other educational counseling professional, attesting to professional practice and one year of experience.
- Established, or be in the process of transitioning to, an educational consulting practice.
- Begun working toward the professional membership requirement of evaluative campus visits and number of clients advised.
- Minimum of a bachelor's degree.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Student membership is designed for graduate-level students studying educational placement counseling or a related field, who are not yet advising students, have not yet established a private educational consulting practice, and who do not yet qualify for another membership category in the Association. Student Membership dues are \$60 annually.

Student membership requirements include:

- A bachelor's degree; enrolled in an appropriate graduate degree program or certificate program (must be enrolled in at least two graduate level courses simultaneously).
- Proof of graduate school enrollment.
- Not working as an educational consultant.