



NARACES 2026 Conference: Call for Proposals

Advancing the Profession: Innovation, Advocacy, and Excellence in Mental Health Counseling

We invite counselor educators, clinical supervisors, researchers, students, and practitioners to submit proposals for the 2026 NARACES Conference, September 22, 2026-September 26, 2026 in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Our Vision

This year's conference centers on strengthening our collective impact as mental health counselors. We seek proposals that push our profession forward—through rigorous research, innovative pedagogical techniques related to clinical practice, transformative supervision, and advocacy that creates meaningful change for the communities we serve.

Areas of Focus

We welcome proposals addressing the following areas of focus relating to Counselor Education and Supervision:

Clinical Excellence & Innovation In Counselor Education

- Instructing students on emerging mental health concerns and evidence-based practices
- Integrating contemporary therapeutic approaches in diverse practice settings in counselor education
- Incorporating clinical documentation and diagnostic reasoning that honors client complexity into research, teaching, supervision, and advocacy.
- Evolving case conceptualization across theoretical orientations

Supervision as Transformation

- Developmental approaches to clinical supervision
- Cultivating clinical judgment and professional identity
- Navigating ethical dilemmas in supervisory relationships

- Training supervisors for culturally responsive practice

Counselor Education & Training

- Curriculum design and pedagogical innovation
- Assessment of student learning outcomes and competencies
- Preparing students for diverse clinical settings and populations
- Integrating social justice and advocacy into counselor preparation
- Technology and online learning in counselor education
- Gate-keeping, remediation, and student development
- Faculty development and mentorship
- CACREP standards and program evaluation

Advocacy & Professional Identity

- Legislative advocacy and policy change
- Expanding access to mental health services
- Professional advocacy within healthcare systems
- Defining and defending our scope of practice

Culturally Responsive Practice in Counselor Education

- Addressing health disparities in marginalized communities through teaching, research, supervision, leadership, and advocacy.
- Instruction and advocacy on trauma-informed care across cultural contexts
- Incorporating intersectionality in teaching, research, and supervision.
- Decolonizing mental health practices in research, supervision, and teaching.

Submission Guidelines

Session Formats:

- 60-minute Education Sessions (research, theory, or practice-focused presentations)
- 60-minute Roundtable Sessions (interactive discussion on emerging topics)
- 30-minute Poster Sessions (research findings or program innovations)

Submission Requirements: All proposals must be submitted through the CE-GO portal at <https://north-atlantic-association-for-counselor-education-and-supervis.ce-go.com/login> by **April 3, 2026 at 11:59pm PM ET**.

Before submitting:

- Verify your ACES membership is current and have your membership number ready
- Ensure your CE-GO email matches your ACES account email

- Review character limits for each proposal section
- Prepare complete proposals—incomplete submissions cannot be considered

What We're Looking For

Strong proposals demonstrate:

- Clear relevance to mental health counseling practice, education, or research
- Practical applications or implications for attendees
- Attention to cultural responsiveness and ethical practice
- Evidence-based content (where applicable)
- Engagement strategies for active learning

Questions?

Contact NARACES_Conference2026@yahoo.com for technical assistance with submissions or questions about proposal content.

Join us in shaping the future of mental health counseling. We look forward to your innovative contributions.