



# TLPCA

## Graduate Student Membership Information

### What is TLPCA?

TLPCA is a not-for-profit, professional and educational organization dedicated to the growth and enhancement of mental health counselors in Tennessee. Together we strive to improve the quality of healthcare services in our state by promoting consistent standards of education, training, licensing practices, advocacy and ethics. This is your organization for excellence.

### How Do I Become A Member?

There are different types of membership for different times in your career. You will be able to find the correct fit for you by going to our website ([www.tlpca.net](http://www.tlpca.net)) and accessing the “Become a Member” tab.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact our membership committee at [membership@tlpca.net](mailto:membership@tlpca.net). We want to hear from you.

### What can TLPCA do for me?

**\*Networking - Expand your connections for a better internship or a future job.** When you join TLPCA, you are a member of Tennessee’s fastest growing group of professional counselors. With opportunities to meet other members, network with other professionals, and connect with Tennessee agencies, your networking circle will definitely feel the benefit.



**\*TLPCA Annual Conference.** Held once a year, the TLPCA annual conference hosts top professionals for an in-depth day of education, networking, and fun. See our website for upcoming conference details. <http://www.tlpca.net/page/15>



**\*Continuing Education - Get a head start on continuing education.** TLPCA offers various continuing education, lunch-and-learn meetings, and conferences throughout the year. These meetings feature a highly trained and educated speaker from the counseling field.



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## Grad Student FAQs

**1. Once I graduate, I want to become a Licensed Professional Counselor. What will I need to do?** When you become a TLPCA member, you are eligible to use the members' only portion of the website, [www.tlpca.net](http://www.tlpca.net). You will find clear, useful information there on the necessary procedures and exams that will lead to licensure.

**2. Is TLPCA affiliated with a particular Tennessee University?** No. TLPCA has members from every Tennessee University that has a Counseling Graduate program.



**3. Is there a discounted student rate for TLPCA membership?**

Yes. Graduate students receive a significant discount for membership. See the Member Section to find out more about membership rates.

**4. Does TLPCA offer scholarships or discounts on events for students?** Yes. If you volunteer for events, you may be able to attend the event at a discounted or free rate depending on the event. These spots fill up very quickly, so plan ahead!



**\*Professional Growth - Grow as a member or student representative.** TLPCA offers opportunities for your growth through volunteer opportunities, presentation opportunities, student representative opportunities, and more! See our Graduate Student Representative Section for more information.



**\*Great Discounts - Get discounted student rates for membership and at all TLPCA events.** When you join TLPCA as a graduate student, you receive a discounted rate of membership. Also, members receive discounts to our lunch-and-learns and other member educational meetings.

**\*And so much more!**

## Other Membership Benefits

**\*Advocacy -** Work along side other professional counselors to advocate for legislative issues affecting LPCs in Tennessee at both the federal and state level.

**\*Listserv -** Free enrollment to the TLPCA sponsored listserv.

**\*Representation on concerns / issues with the Tennessee Board for Professional Counselors**

**\*Newsletter featuring current issues and clinical information of interests to counselors.**

**\*Support**

- TLPCA Talk is a wonderful way to reach out to other professionals with questions, concerns, and opportunities.
- Your leadership is on top of issues that affect future and present counselors and make information readily available.
- A Board member is often available at every training session to answer questions.





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## Graduate Student Letter From Our President



Dear Grad Students,

Greetings! Congratulations on accepting the challenge to enter advanced academic training in preparation of becoming a professional counselor. This is indeed a rewarding career and many blessings and accomplishments await you in your future practice.

I am Dr. Rob Moore, the current president of the Tennessee Licensed Professional Counseling Association (TLPCA). I originally obtained my Certified Professional Counseling certificate in Tennessee in 1986 while a counseling doc student at Vanderbilt University. *Some of you reading this may not have even been born in 1986!* The transformation of the counseling profession over the past 30 years has been nothing short of amazing. I have seen the profession grow from a fledgling group of Tennessee practitioners to a profession in which LPCs are making a significant impact on the delivery of healthcare across the State, and most importantly, an impact upon the folks of Tennessee who receive our services. Tennessee LPCs have contributed to the development of the profession and licensure on a national level as well.

However, this development over the past 30 years has not happened magically, but it has required the sustained involvement of practitioners, counselor educators, and yes, students. Some of my fellow students at Vandy in the 1980's were in the class one hour and then on legislative plaza the next hour talking with lawmakers about how professional counselors can make a significant contribution in helping to meet the mental health needs of the folks of Tennessee.

I would like you to seriously consider joining TLPCA and contribute to the continued growth and development of the profession here in Tennessee. If you are like me when I was a student, you sit in class just bursting with ideas about how to address needs/issues; however, many student ideas are limited to papers and projects. TLPCA is place in which your ideas, strengths, and energy can be used to help grow the profession. Poster presentations, session presentations, and committees (e.g., ethics, diversity, legislative) are just a few ways for you to grow professionally and to contribute.

It is indeed an exciting time to be a student in counseling. Please join us and make your contribution to profession.

Sincerely,

Rob Moore, PhD, EdD, NCC, ACS  
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TLPCA President