In 1976, a group of interested educators and clinicians organized the Forum for Death Education and Counseling. Over the years, the organization grew to become the Association for Death Education and Counseling® (ADEC). ADEC is the oldest interdisciplinary organization in the field of dying, death and bereavement. Its nearly 2,000 members include a wide array of educators, psychologists, counselors, mental health personnel, bereavement coordinators, clergy, hospice professionals and funeral directors.

The primary goal of ADEC is to enhance the ability of professionals to meet the needs of those with whom they work in death education and grief counseling.

**Benefits of Membership**

- *The Forum*, ADEC’s quarterly member publication; *ADEC Connects*, the bi-monthly e-newsletter; and the bi-weekly *Thanatology NewsBrief*
- Three free online subscriptions to major peer-reviewed journals in the field
- Discounts to the ADEC Annual Conference and distance education programs
- Discounted rates on Certification in Thanatology
- Discounts on several professional journals
- Access to exclusive members-only content on the ADEC website
- Listing in our “Find a Specialist” directory, which allows the public to locate service providers among our membership
- Professional networking and volunteer opportunities
- Online networking in ADEC’s members-only LinkedIn group

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