

Joe Charette earned his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from Duquesne University, and is the director of the MA in Professional Clinical Counseling (PCC) program at La Salle University. Joe is an LPC in Pennsylvania and a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC). Previously Joe served as an adjunct instructor at Duquesne University, adjunct professor at Drexel University, and faculty at PCOM. Additionally he co-owns a private counseling practice and primarily serves clients in the LGBTGEQIAP+ communities and provides supervision and consultation. Prior to relocating to Philadelphia Joe worked as an outpatient co-occurring counselor and in assertive community treatment. In 2021 he was selected as an Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Emerging Leader.

Joe has served on the board of PS-SAIGE for almost seven years as the professional development chair. For the past five years in the role he has served as the chair for the Pre-Conference Institute (PCI) which has become an integral part of the PCA annual conference. In addition to the PCI Joe's role has been to engage other divisions as well as stakeholders outside of PCA to develop training opportunities that advance the missions of PS-SAIGE and PCA. Joe has been a part of the conference committee for three years, most recently as the 2023 conference programs chair. Beyond PCA, Joe has shown a commitment to the counseling profession through service and leadership in CSI, ACES, NARACES, SAIGE, CSJ and the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT). Joe co-chairs the ACES supervision committee and is currently working on the revision of the ACES best practices in clinical supervision. He serves on the SAIGE public policy committee which supports SAIGE and ACA in being attuned to the legislative issues that impact LGBTGEQIAP+ people and crafting policy and position statements. In NARACES he serves on the conference and accessibility committees. In his service on the CSJ professional development committee, Joe supports the building and implementation of professional development offerings including monthly webinars and a virtual professional development institute.

Joe's approach to counseling, education, supervision, and scholarly work have been motivated by the pursuit of equity in the profession and centering and uplifting the voices and experiences of marginalized counselors and communities. If elected, Joe will bring this commitment to PCA to meet the needs of counselors, supervisors, and educators to continue serving the diverse needs of communities across the commonwealth. He is committed to the continued advancement of legislative efforts that benefit counselors, particularly as our needs change in a rapidly changing world. Joe would like to see PCA continue to engage practicing counselors in our state so that our organization becomes more reflective of the diversity of lived experiences represented in Pennsylvania. Joe is an educator, but a clinician first, and addressing the changing needs of our profession requires leadership that understands the broad spectrum of needs among the many roles we all play as counselors.