

Melissa Wheeler PhD, NCC, ACS

Candidate for Treasurer



Melissa “Missy” Wheeler is an affiliate faculty member at Rocky Mountain University of the Health Professions where she teaches future counselors remotely. She has overseen teaching and revision of the masters-level Career Counseling course online at three other university clinical mental health counseling programs. She has also taught career development courses to undergraduate students. Her experience includes work in college career development centers, student success counseling, and academic advising. Missy earned her Master’s degree in Counselor Education from East Carolina University and her Doctoral degree in Counseling and Counselor Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Missy currently serves as the National Career Development Association Treasurer. She has been a

member and former co-chair of the NCDA Research Committee, serves on the Committee on Diversity Initiatives & Cultural Inclusion where she has supported the online resources subcommittee and the multicultural competencies revision task force. Outside of NCDA, she has also served as co-chair of the American Counseling Association Bylaws committee, Past-President of the Virginia Career Development Association, and current President of the Connecticut Association for Counselor Education and Supervision.

Missy has been an active NCDA member who has published articles in *Career Convergence* and assessment reviews in the *Comprehensive Guide to Career Assessment*. She participated in both the NCDA Leadership Academy and the Counselor Educator Academy. She enjoys training career development practitioners incorporating theory and research into their work, teaching students how to advocate for the needs of clients and mentoring future practitioners. She has been a mentor in the American Counseling Association and the NCDA mentoring programs.

Goal Statement:

As a candidate for the NCDA Treasurer position, I hope to continue the work we have started with the reestablished NCDA Finance Committee. As part of this work, we are drafting investment and money management policies to ensure transparent, responsible management of NCDA finances moving forward. I hope to continue to advocate for the creation of financial policies that support the work of our incredible members. By focusing attention on the financial success of the organization, I hope to support the strategic plan by advocating for monetary avenues of supporting proposed initiatives, research, professional development, and programs that enhance the work we do with our clients and students. These efforts will increase the visibility of our organization, expand on the work of our committees, and highlight the work of the NCDA community. Together, we can create a sustainable community of empowered career professionals.