WHAT IS GENETIC COUNSELING?

Genetic counselors are professionals who have specialized education in genetics and counseling to provide personalized help to patients to help them make decisions about their genetic health. They are trained to interpret genetic test results and to guide and support patients seeking more information. Additionally, some genetic counselors focus on research, including collecting information such as detailed family histories and pregnancy information, that helps researchers and advances care for people with genetic conditions.

ADVANCED DEGREES

- MS in Genetic Counseling
- License accreditation from the National Society of Genetic Counseling

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- National Association of Genetic Counselors (NSGC)
- Genetics Professionals Groups (National Human Genome Research Institute)
- Allied Health Professional Associations for Students

ONEHOP ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALUMNI GROUP

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UNDERGRADUATE PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK*

- Genetics
- Biochemistry
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Developmental Biology or Human Physiology
- Ethics/Moral Philosophy

ADVANCED DEGREE REQUIREMENTS*

- Graduate Record Exam (GRE test scores)
- References: academic, professional, genetic counselor reference is preferred
- 1:1 volunteer counseling experience
- Experience working with people through difficult situations for a significant period of time (ex. THREAD, after school programs, youth initiatives)

*This list covers the most frequently required prerequisites. Please see individual program websites for exact requirement information.

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