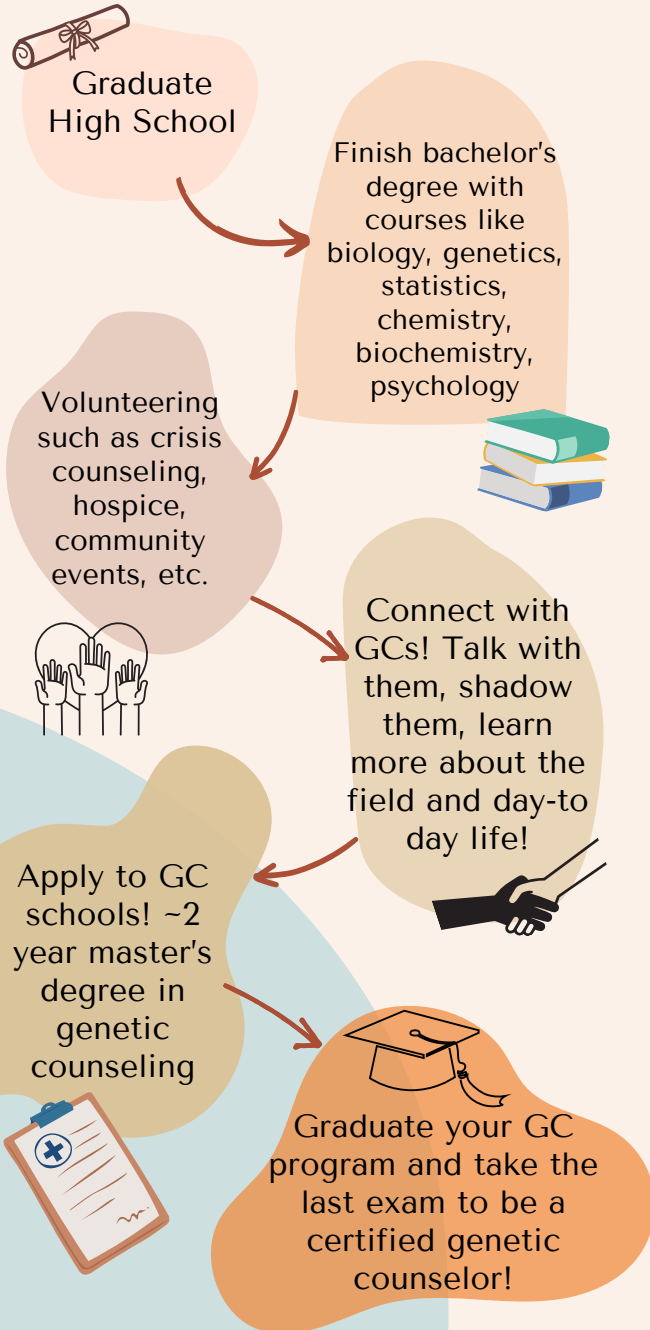


Road Map to Genetic Counseling



Interested in the field of genetics and healthcare?

Want to pursue a meaningful career that advocates for and helps others understand how their genetics can impact their lives?



Want to learn more or connect with genetic counselors?



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Become a Genetic Counselor!

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Who Are Genetic Counselors?

What do they do?

- Genetic counselors (GCs) combine genetics, interpersonal, and psychosocial skills in their practice.
- GCs help patients understand the effects and challenges that the genetic information can have on their lives.
- GCs are healthcare professionals who typically meet with patients and families who are or may be affected by genetic conditions.
- GCs work with physicians and other healthcare professionals in a variety of ways.

Why is a career in genetic counseling good for me?

- GCs advocate for others who may need support or may not be able to do so themselves.
- It is rapidly expanding and can provide a meaningful and fulfilling career.
- The possibilities with a genetic counseling degree are endless!
 - You can go into any specialty including prenatal, pediatrics, cancer, neurology, laboratory, cardiology, leadership, academic positions, etc

As a GC You Can:



Guide and counsel patients and their families through healthcare decisions

Analyze genetic data



Collaborate with other healthcare providers, insurance, and labs



Drive the forefront of research



Advocate for ethical and legal policies



Help inform and educate about genetics



Mentor and educate future genetic counselors



FAQ

My GPA isn't great. Can I still apply to graduate school?

Absolutely! Use other experiences, letters of recommendation, and your personal statement to address it and to stand out.

Will I be involved in designer babies or gene editing?

Nope! That's outside the scope of the career. Genetic counselors help with the process of genetic testing or can see patients who may need a genetic evaluation.

Not sure if I can afford graduate school?

Schools can have program-specific scholarships! Federal financial aid through FAFSA may be an option. Also, look online for any broad scholarships you can apply to.

How can I find someone to talk to about the field?

Some organizations have mentorship programs or contact information for GCs. The QR code on the back will link you to resources!