



WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN GENETIC COUNSELING?

Students who have an interest in:



Psychology



The Medical Field



Helping People



Patient Support



Science or Genetics

LEARN MORE

Learn more about genetic counseling:
National Society of Genetic Counselors
www.nsgc.org/About/About-Genetic-Counselors

See a list of genetic counseling programs:
Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling
www.gceducation.org/

Find resources for interested students in Arizona:
Arizona Genetics Alliance
www.azgeneticsalliance.com/student-resources

Scan the QR code below to learn more.



For questions about the University of Arizona's genetic counseling program, email GCGPinfo@arizona.edu

1. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Genetic Counselors, at www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/genetic-counselors.htm (visited July 10, 2023).
2. National Society of Genetic Counselors. (2023) 2023 Professional Status Survey. www.nsgc.org/Policy-Research-and-Publications/Professional-Status-Survey

 THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
**Genetic Counseling
Graduate Program**

GETTING TO
KNOW THE CAREER OF
**GENETIC
COUNSELING**



Genetic Counseling Graduate Program Class of 2024



WHAT DO GENETIC COUNSELORS DO?

Genetic counselors are healthcare professionals that help people understand genetic conditions.

Genetic counselors:

- Have a deep knowledge of genetics and genetic conditions
- Educate patients about genetic conditions
- Provide emotional support to patients
- Understand genetic testing and explain options to patients

What does a genetic counselor do in a typical day?

- Document family health history
- Estimate the chance of a genetic condition occurring
- Offer genetic testing options
- Support the patient in choosing the next step that is right for them

WHAT SPECIALTIES DO GENETIC COUNSELORS WORK IN?

Specialties may include:

- Cancer
- Prenatal
- Pediatric
- Adult
- Neurological
- Laboratory

Where do genetic counselors work?

- Clinical settings like hospitals or clinics
- Laboratories
- Universities
- Online or in person

WHAT EDUCATION IS NEEDED?

- Undergraduate bachelor's degree
Usually a science or social science
- A master's degree from an accredited genetic counseling program
Usual length of around 2 years

WHAT IS THE JOB OUTLOOK AND SATISFACTION?

Genetic counseling is a growing field. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment is expected to grow 18% from 2021-2023! This is a faster rate than average.

In a 2023 report, most genetic counselors (88%) were satisfied with the career of genetic counseling.² Average starting salary from full time genetic counselors who graduated in 2022 was surveyed to be around \$80,000 a year.²