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www.nsgc.org/About/About-Genetic-Counselors

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www.gceducation.org/

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

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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



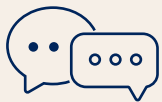
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Genetic Counseling
Graduate Program

GETTING TO KNOW THE CAREER OF GENETIC COUNSELING

WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN GENETIC COUNSELING?

Students who have an interest in:



Psychology



The Medical Field



Helping People



Patient Support



Science or Genetics



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 2021-2023.¹ 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