

Are you interested in a career in healthcare or medicine?

Become a Genetic Counselor

Genetic counselors typically receive a bachelor's degree that includes coursework related to genetics, biochemistry, psychology and statistics.

Prospective genetic counselors often gain relevant experience through extracurriculars, such as volunteer work, advocacy, research and lab work, internships or shadowing. Then, they enter one of many accredited training programs across the country to earn a master's degree in genetic counseling.

After graduation, most genetic counselors take a board examination to become a certified genetic counselor.

CUTTING-EDGE SCIENCE

Genetic counselors help patients understand their family's medical history, evaluate genetic testing options and make informed choices from testing to results. Genetic counselors also work with other members of the healthcare team to incorporate the latest advancements in genomic science into their practice.

MAKE AN IMPACT

Genetic counselors have a tremendous impact on healthcare:

- Serving patients and families in one-on-one interactions
- Participating in exciting medical research
- Helping develop the latest genetic testing options
- Supporting patients and families as an important member of the healthcare team

For more information about becoming a genetic counselor, visit aboutgeneticcounselors.com.

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SUPPORT AND CARE FOR PATIENTS

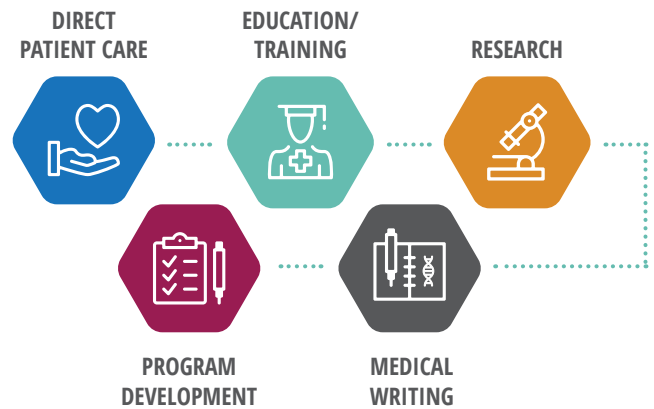
Genetic counselors support and advocate for patients, their families and their healthcare providers as they make decisions about genetic health and testing. As a genetic counselor with specialized training in counseling and genetics, the knowledge you share and the emotional support you provide can help patients make difficult healthcare decisions using complex genetic information.

VARIETY OF CAREER PATHS

Genetic counselors work in a variety of settings:



Genetic counselors occupy a variety of roles:



"As a genetic counselor, I know I am helping my patients by providing them with information they need to be empowered in making choices."

— Jennifer Hoskovec, MS, CGC

JOB SATISFACTION

Genetic counselors are overall satisfied with the profession due to:

- 1 Intellectual stimulation
- 2 Patient contact/counseling
- 3 Diversity of areas of practice
- 4 Teaching/training opportunities
- 5 Leadership opportunities

RAPIDLY GROWING PROFESSION

Since 2006, the number of genetic counselors has grown by **more than 100%** and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statics projects a **growth rate of 29%** for genetic counseling positions through 2026.



"What excites me most about being a genetic counselor is there is so much potential for the field to go anywhere."

— Nora Nashawaty, MS, CGC