Additional Requirements

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general test scores from the Verbal, Quantitative and Analytic sections from within the past five years. *Subject portion of the GRE is not required.*
- While there is not a minimum GPA, it is predicted that most competitive applicants will have an undergraduate GPA of above 3.2 (both overall and in natural sciences).
- Personal Statement.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Resume or CV.
- An official transcript from every post-secondary institution you have attended for at least one semester's time.
- Photograph for identification purposes *(head and shoulders).*
- TOEFL scores if from a non-English-speaking country.

Tuition and Fees

Estimated tuition and fees for the 2016-2017 school year is approximately $12,000 per semester ($24,000 per academic year). Progression through the program will typically take four semesters.

Augustana’s educational programs (including admission practices) are non-discriminatory with respect to race, ethnicity, creed, gender, sexual preference, age, disabling conditions and national origin.

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PROGRAM EXCELLENCE

The Augustana-Sanford Genetic Counseling Graduate Program (ASGCGP) is a two-year master of science program.

The student learning experience equally involves clinical rotations, hands-on participation, and classroom learning.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Pending ACGC and HLC accreditation, applications will be accepted until Monday, Feb. 1, 2016. All applications will be reviewed by the Genetic Counseling Graduate Program Admission Committee. Upon review, the committee will determine which candidates are most qualified. These applicants will be invited for on-site interviews during February and March 2016.

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CREATE YOUR FUTURE

Genetic Counseling is not only an enjoyable and fascinating career, it is also one with national job growth potential. The ASGCGP seeks to train well-rounded genetic counselors and give them a strong foundation in both genetic science and interpersonal communication skills.

Students who graduate from this program will:
- Demonstrate excellent written and oral communication skills
- Display strong scientific and empathetic foundations
- Demonstrate the capacity to excel as genetic counselors in fast-paced, real-world settings
- Exhibit skills in collaboration and relationship building
- Produce meaningful graduate research projects
- Understand and appreciate the far reach of genomics (e.g., personalized medicine, business, diversity, media)

ADMISSION CRITERIA

There is not a specific undergraduate major required for admission, however most students entering the program will have had a variety of scientific courses, especially in the biological sciences. Common majors include biology, genetics, chemistry, psychology, social work, and public health. In addition to the sciences, desirable applicants will have had exposure to a rich and varied undergraduate education. Students must have a B.S. or B.A degree.

Strongly Recommended Prerequisite Coursework

The strongest applicants will have the completed the following coursework (or be in process of completing) at the time of application to the program. If a course is in progress, this may be reflected on the personal statement.
- Biology (one full year)
- Chemistry (one full year)
- Biochemistry (one semester or quarter)
- Genetics (one semester or quarter)
- General Psychology (one semester or quarter)
- Statistics (one semester or quarter)

Work or Volunteer Experience

Genetic Counseling at its core, is a profession built on interpersonal communication. At the time of application, it is strongly recommended that applicants have some volunteer or professional experience in an area where communication skills are utilized. These experiences should be reflected on your personal statement or CV.

Exposure to the Field of Genetic Counseling

One of the best ways to understand the occupation is to spend time with practicing genetic counselors. By interviewing or shadowing a genetic counselor, one can more fully understand the occupation and critically evaluate it as a career choice.

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