

Additional Requirements

- B.A. or B.S. degree. You may complete your application prior to completing your undergraduate degree.
- Official transcript(s) from every post-secondary institution you have attended for at least one semester's time.
- GPAs, cumulative and in Natural Sciences. Although there is not a minimum cumulative GPA, students entering genetic counseling graduate programs in 2016 had an average cumulative GPA of 3.5.
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test scores for the Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing sections from within the past five (5) years. (*GRE Subject Tests are not required.*)
- Resume or CV.
- Personal statement or essay.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation.
- Photograph for identification purposes (head and shoulders).
- TOEFL scores if from a non-English-speaking country.

Tuition and Fees

Estimated tuition for the 2017-2018 academic year is \$24,720, half due on August 15th and half due on January 15th. Tuition increases of approximately 3% are expected each year. Progression through the program will typically take two academic years. There may be additional small fees, such as the costs of a Criminal Background Check and updating immunizations, which are necessary to complete clinical rotations.

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Augustana University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools to award degrees at the bachelor's and master's levels.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Program Curriculum (62 Semester Hours):

FIRST YEAR: COURSE (Description)

Fall (16 hours)

GENC 630	Genetics in Medicine I	3
GENC 635	Genetic Diagnosis & Lab Methods	3
GENC 636	Metabolic Genetics & Newborn Screening	2
GENC 625	Communication & Interviewing Skills	2
GENC 620	Genetic Counseling I	2
GENC 610	Seminar in Medical Genetics/Journal Club	1
GENC 670	Genetic Counseling Research I	1
GENC 680	Clinical Practicum in Genetic Counseling I	2

ODD-YEAR: COURSE (Description)

January (3 hours)

GENC 550	Genomics and Business	3
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Spring (14 hours)

GENC 631	Genetics in Medicine II	3
GENC 637	Cancer Genetics	2
GENC 638	Reproductive Genetics	3
GENC 621	Genetic Counseling II	2
GENC 610	Seminar in Medical Genetics/Journal Club	1
GENC 671	Genetic Counseling Research II	1
GENC 681	Clinical Practicum in Genetic Counseling II	2

SECOND YEAR: COURSE (Description)

Fall (14 hours)

GENC 660	Genetics and the Community	2
GENC 665	Ethics in Genetics and Biomedical Sciences	2
GENC 622	Genetic Counseling III	2
GENC 610	Seminar in Medical Genetics/Journal Club	1
GENC 672	Genetic Counseling Research III	3
GENC 682	Clinical Practicum in Genetic Counseling III	4

EVEN-YEAR: COURSE (Description)

January (3 hours)

GENC 563	Diversity in Genetic Counseling	3
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Spring (12 hours)

GENC 661	Genetics and the Community	2
GENC 623	Genetic Counseling IV	2
GENC 610	Seminar in Medical Genetics/Journal Club	1
GENC 673	Genetic Counseling Research IV	3
GENC 683	Clinical Practicum in Genetic Counseling IV	4

Augustana-Sanford Genetic Counseling Graduate Program (ASGCGP)



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GENETIC COUNSELING



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PROGRAM EXCELLENCE

The Augustana-Sanford Genetic Counseling Graduate Program (ASGCGP) is an ACGC-accredited, two-year Master of Science program.

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

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for the 2017-2018 academic year will be accepted October 10, 2016 through end of day February 28, 2017. All applications will be reviewed by the Genetic Counseling Graduate Program Admission Committee. Upon review, the committee will determine the most-qualified applicants, and they will be invited for on-site interviews to take place in late-March to mid-April 2017. Eight individuals will be selected for admission. Offers of admission will be extended following interviews in April 2017.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 function as genetic counselors in fast-paced real-world settings.
- Exhibit collaboration and relationship-building skills.
- Produce meaningful graduate research projects.
- Understand and appreciate the far reach of genomics (e.g., personalized medicine, business, diversity, media).



Associate Professor Quinn Stein, a certified genetic counselor, is director of the master's degree program in Genetic Counseling.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

While there is not a specific undergraduate major required for admission, 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. Examples of classes which may help prepare individuals to succeed as genetic counseling graduate students and future health care providers (but are not required for admission) include developmental biology, embryology, human development, writing, communication, business, and ethics.

Strongly Recommended Prerequisite Coursework

The strongest applicants will have completed (or be in process of completing at the time of application to the program) the following coursework. 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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