



2026 Application Checklist

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2026 Application Cycle Dates

Please review the FAQs at the end of this document for an explanation of what is required on the application deadline as opposed to the supporting materials deadline.

Sept. 3, 2025 — Match registration for applicants opens

Sept. 15, 2025 — ASGCGP application opens

Dec. 15, 2025 — ASGCGP application deadline

ASGCGP online application must be submitted by Dec. 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. CT.

Dec. 17, 2025 — ASGCGP supporting materials deadline*

Materials must be received by the Office of Graduate Education by Dec. 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. CT. Final grades for the Fall 2025 semester are not required.

LATE APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS THAT ARE SUBMITTED LATE, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Feb. – March 2026 — Interviews

Interviews will be conducted virtually throughout the months of February and March 2026. If selected for an interview, interviewees will participate in either a morning or afternoon interview session.

Apr. 7, 2026 — Last day to submit Match rankings

Apr. 15, 2026 — Match results released to applicants and programs

**See FAQ page for additional information about what we consider supporting materials.*

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Genetic Counseling Admission Match Site

☐ Register with the Genetic Counseling Admission Match (Required)

- Register with the Genetic Counseling Admission [Match](#) through National Matching Services Inc.
- Registration with the Match costs \$100. [Limited fee waivers are available](#) on the national level.
- You **MUST** complete this step prior to applying to the ASGCGP.

Supporting Materials – Submit to Office of Graduate Education

☐ Official Transcripts (Required)

- All transcripts and any other supplemental materials must be **received** by the supplemental materials deadline.
- All official transcripts from a bachelor's degree should be sent to **one** of the following:
 - graduate@augie.edu
 - or-
 - Office of Graduate Education
Augustana University
2001 S. Summit Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57197
- View the FAQs below to see more information about transcript submission.

Submit Through Augustana University's Genetic Counseling Program Application

☐ Register for an account (Required)

- Your application for the ASGCGP will be done online by clicking the [“Apply Now” button on our website](#) and following the instructions.
- There is a \$25 application fee. (Augustana students and alumni are exempt from this fee.)

☐ Submit all required information and documents (Required)

- All required documents and information must be submitted, and the fee must be paid prior to the deadline. Please note that the deadline is in Central Time.
- Late applications **will not** be reviewed. If you run into any problems close to the deadline, please reach out to us right away so that we can work with you to resolve them.

☐ B.A./B.S. Degree (Required)

- Applicants must have completed or be on track to complete a bachelor's degree prior to entering the program. You will indicate your graduation date or anticipated graduation date.

☐ Prerequisite Coursework (Required)

- For the 2026 application cycle and beyond, we will require one semester (or equivalent) of each:
 1. General or Human Genetics;
 2. Statistics;
 3. Biochemistry, Cell Biology or Molecular Biology
- Transcripts will be reviewed to ensure that prerequisite coursework is completed.

☐ Undergraduate Cumulative GPA & Natural Science GPA (Required)

- Your undergraduate cumulative GPA must include all undergraduate coursework as well as any grades you received as a non-degree-seeking student (e.g., if you took Genetics after graduation to meet application requirements).
- Common natural science courses used for Natural Science GPA calculation include, but are not limited to: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental/Earth Science and Physics.
- Instructions for calculating GPAs can be found in the FAQ section below.

☐ Alternative Demonstration of Potential for Academic Success (Optional)

- Alternative demonstration of potential for academic success **is not** required, and most applicants simply use their GPA. However, if you feel that your GPA does not accurately reflect your academic potential, feel free to show us other materials that show your potential to succeed in the program. See our FAQ below for more information.

☐ Resume/CV (Required)

- This should highlight preparatory experiences, which may include communication skills, advocacy experiences, such as crisis counseling, and exposure to the genetic counseling field, such as shadowing, as well as other experiences highlighting well-roundedness.

☐ Personal Statement (Required)

- A 1,000-word personal statement that reflects your past experiences, reason for interest in genetic counseling and other stories that connect you with the field. Follow the prompt within the application.

☐ 3 Letters of Recommendation (Required)

- Three professional references with different perspectives must be submitted in the online application for letters of recommendation.
- Letters of recommendation are included as supplemental materials. Please make sure your references are aware of the supplemental materials deadline to ensure your application is complete and accepted for review.
- If a reference runs into difficulties when completing their letter of recommendation, feel free to reach out to genetics@augie.edu with questions or concerns.

Additional Requirements for International Students

☐ Financial Ability Questions (Required for all international applicants)

- All international applicants must complete the Financial Ability questions, which are included as part of the online application. Please follow the instructions on your application.
- You may be asked to provide supporting documentation at a later date.

☐ WES Evaluation (Required for some international applicants*)

- If you did *not* receive your bachelor's degree in one of the countries listed below, you must complete the World Education Services (WES) Course-by-Course Evaluation Report (Basic or ICAP), which may include fees.

☐ TOEFL or IELTS Scores (Required for some international applicants*)

- If you did *not* receive your bachelor's degree in one of the countries listed below, you must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.
- International applicants must meet university requirements for TOEFL (minimum score 87) or IELTS (minimum 6.5) scores to prove English-language proficiency.
- The TOEFL institution code for Augustana University is 6015, and the department code for Genetics is 06.
- Email genetics@augie.edu to seek an exception to this policy.

International applicants who received a bachelor's degree in the following countries **do not need to submit a WES Evaluation or TOEFL/IELTS scores:*

- *United States*
- *Canada*
- *United Kingdom*
- *Ireland*
- *Australia*
- *New Zealand*

If you received your bachelor's degree in any country except the ones listed above, you must submit a WES Evaluation and TOEFL/IELTS scores to be considered for admittance.

FAQ/Contact

What needs to be included when I submit official transcripts?

Official transcripts must be current at the time of your application. Fall grades for the current academic year are not required. Grades for courses in progress are not required, but if you are admitted to the program, you will be required to submit your finalized official transcripts prior to matriculation.

Your official transcripts need to include all of your undergraduate courses, dual-credit courses that counted toward your undergraduate degree(s), and any non-degree seeking courses that you took to meet application requirements (e.g., if you took a Genetics course after graduation) and any graduate coursework you have completed.

If you transferred schools, please ensure that we receive official transcript(s) that reflect all of your coursework. If you have any questions about which transcripts need to be submitted, please contact us at genetics@augie.edu.

What are some alternative ways to demonstrate my potential for academic success beyond my GPA?

The ASGCGP **does not** have a specific minimum GPA requirement, but the vast majority of competitive applicants do have a 3.0 or higher. Applicants with a GPA that they feel does not accurately show their potential for success in the academic side of the program may want to consider showing their potential through additional coursework or by taking the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Additional coursework is not required, but it may be helpful to retake courses in which you may receive a better grade that more accurately reflects your effort and aptitude. You may also want to include graduate-level coursework, courses you have taken as a non-degree seeking student or certifications that you have earned that help show your potential for success in the ASGCGP. Additional coursework can be recorded in your application, and any relevant transcripts should be sent to the Office of Graduate Education.

The [GRE](#) is **not required** for acceptance into the program, but may be submitted as a demonstration of academic potential for students who do not feel their GPA is an accurate reflection of their likelihood for success in the ASGCGP. The program looks at Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing section scores. You should record your scores in Slate and then have them sent to Augustana University through ETS (the company that administers the GRE). The institution code for Augustana University is 6015.

Does the ASGCGP require the GRE?

The program **does not** require the GRE. Most applicants demonstrate their potential for academic success through their GPAs and do not submit GRE scores. See “What are some alternative ways to demonstrate my potential for academic success beyond my GPA?” above for further information on the GRE.

How do I calculate my Natural Science GPA?

Biology, chemistry, earth/environmental science, and physics courses should be used in your Natural Science GPA calculation.

1. Multiply the point value of the letter grade earned (using the scale below) by the number of credit hours for each course.

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
4.0	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.0

2. Total the credit hours for all natural science courses and total the quality points from all Biology and Chemistry courses.
3. Divide the total quality points earned by the total credit hours. The result is your Natural Science GPA.

Example

Course #	Course Name	Grade	Credit Hours	Calculation (Grade \times Credits)	Quality Points
BIOL 120	Biology and Human Concerns	A	4.0	4.0×4.0	16.0
BIOL 233	Genetics	A-	4.0	3.7×4.0	14.8
BIOL 3440	Molecular Biology	B+	4.0	3.3×4.0	13.2
CHEM 116	General Chemistry I	A+	4.0	4.0×4.0	16.0
CHEM 117	General Chemistry II	B	4.0	3.0×4.0	12.0
CHEM 202	Organic Chemistry and Intro to Biochemistry	B-	4.0	2.7×4.0	10.8
PHYS 1610	General Physics I	C+	4.0	2.3×4.0	9.2
Totals	-	-	28.0	-	92.0

$$\text{Natural Science GPA} = 92.0 \div 28.0 = \mathbf{3.29}$$

Still have questions?

Our [website](#) has additional information that may answer any further questions you have. There is an FAQ tab that you can view as well.

Contact Us

Visit the [website](#) and view the [FAQ tab](#) or contact us by emailing genetics@augie.edu or calling (605) 274-5411 with any questions or concerns.