



2027 Application Checklist

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2027 Application Cycle Dates

Please review the FAQs below for an explanation of what is due on the application date and the supporting materials date.

Sept 9, 2026 — Match registration for applicants opens

Sept 14, 2026 — ASGCGP application opens

Dec 14, 2026 — ASGCGP application deadline

ASGCGP online application must be submitted by Dec 14, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CT.

Dec 16, 2026 — ASGCGP supporting materials deadline*

Materials must be received by the Office of Graduate Education by Dec 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. CT. Final grades for the Fall 2026 semester are not required.

**LATE APPLICATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR COMMUNICATION,
INCLUDING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS THAT ARE SUBMITTED LATE,
WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

Feb–Mar 2027 — Interviews

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

Apr 6, 2027 — Last day to submit Match rankings

Apr 14, 2027 — 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 Admissions Match Site

☐ Register with the Genetic Counseling Admissions Match (*Required*)

- Register with the Genetic Counseling Admissions [Match](#) through National Matching Services
- There is a \$100 Match registration fee. [Limited fee waivers are available](#) through GCEA.
- 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 deadlines.
- 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 Application to Augustana University Through Slate

☐ Register for a Slate account (Required)

- Your application directly to the ASGCGP will be completed in Slate by clicking the [“Apply to Program” button on our website](#) and following the instructions.
- There is a \$25 application fee (Augustana students and alumni are exempt from the fee).

☐ Submit all required information and documents through Slate (Required)

- All required documents and information must be submitted, and the application fee must be paid prior to the deadline (please take note that the deadline is in Central Time).
- Late applications **will not** be reviewed. If you run into any issues close to the deadline, please reach out to the program 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 in Slate.

☐ Prerequisite Coursework (Required)

- We require one semester (or equivalent) of each course:
 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 ASGCGP. 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
 - exposure to the genetic counseling field, such as shadowing
 - other relevant experience

☐ Personal Statement (Required)

- In no more than 1,000 words, describe the experiences and motivations that shaped your interest in genetic counseling and prepared you for graduate study. Share meaningful stories that illustrate the perspectives, values, or qualities you would bring to the profession and our learning community. The strongest statements will be reflective, specific, and authentic rather than a summary of the resume.

□ 3 Letters of Recommendation (Required)

- Three professional references, ideally with different perspectives, must submit a letter of recommendation through Slate.
- 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 encounters problems when completing their letter of recommendation, feel free to reach out to graduate@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* complete 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 either 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.

You may be asked to provide supporting documentation at a later date.

**International applicants who received a degree in the following countries do not need to submit 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 other than 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 semester grades for the current academic year are not required. Grades for courses in progress are not required, but if you are admitted into the program, you will be required to submit your final 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), 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?

ASGCGP **does not** have a specific minimum GPA requirement, but the large majority of competitive applicants do have a 3.0 or higher. Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 may want to consider showing potential for academic success through additional coursework or by taking the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

It may be helpful to retake courses in which you have the potential to receive a better grade that more accurately reflects your aptitude in the subject matter. 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. 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 prove 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, and any other natural science 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 Natural Science 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	Quality Points
BIOL 120	Biology and Human Concerns	A	4.0	16.0
BIOL 233	Genetics	A-	4.0	14.8
BIOL 340	Molecular Biology	B+	4.0	13.2
CHEM 116	General Chemistry I	A+	4.0	16.0
CHEM 117	General Chemistry II	B	4.0	12.0
CHEM 202	Organic Chemistry and Introductory Biochemistry	B-	4.0	10.8
PHYS 161	General Physics I	C+	4.0	9.2
Totals	-	-	28.0	92.0

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

Still have questions?

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

Contact Us

Visit the [website](#) and view the FAQ tab or contact genetics@augie.edu with any questions or concerns.