Who are Genetic Counselors?

Genetic Counselors have advanced training in medical genetics and counseling to guide and support patients seeking more information about how inherited diseases and conditions might affect them or their families, and to interpret test results.

5,000+

Genetic counselors in the United States

43+

accredited genetic counseling training programs in North America

Work With a Variety of Patients and Conditions

- Cancer
- Pregnancy Care
- Heart Disease
- Child/Adolescent Conditions
- Brain and Muscle Disorders
- Blood Disorders

$71,000

average starting salary

Earn a Master’s Degree in Genetic Counseling

Genetic counselors typically receive an undergraduate degree in biology, social science or a related field. Then, they enter one of many accredited 2-year training programs to earn a master’s degree in genetic counseling.

5,000+

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Ranked as the #1 job in 2018 by careercast.com

Endless Career Opportunities

Where Do Most Genetic Counselors Work?

- Hospitals
- Universities
- Laboratories
- Non-Profits & Government

Why?

- Combine your passion for science with direct patient care
- Be at the center of personalized genomic medicine
- Interface with testing laboratories and the biotech industry

* Data courtesy of the National Society of Genetic Counselors