About the Program

The field of genetics has changed dramatically over time. Therefore, the student experience at KGI involves a strong foundation in principal genetic counseling skills coupled with progressive and rigorous didactic learning, fieldwork experience, and research development in order to meet and anticipate the evolving needs of the genetic counseling profession. The combination of the program’s faculty, the diversity of fieldwork experiences, and the cultural excitement of its location in Southern California makes this program exceptional and inspiring.

The program provides each student with the understanding and experience to become an innovative, inspired, and proficient genetic counselor.

Seventy-one and a half credits are required to earn a MSGC degree at KGI. These credits consist of 36.5 from didactic courses, 26 from clinical fieldwork, and nine from research thesis. Students are expected to finish the program in 21 months (five semesters) on a full-time basis.
Career Options with a Degree in Genetic Counseling

Many genetic counselors work in research, public health, or genetic counseling programs.

### 70–75%
Most genetic counselors are working in direct patient care in medical centers, hospitals, private practices, etc.

### 25–30%
Genetic counselors work in clinical laboratories and industry

**Who Are Genetic Counselors?**
Core personality traits of genetic counselors:
- Humble
- Tenacious
- Passionate
- Empathetic
- Innovative
- Compassionate
- Creative
- Leaders
- Advocates
- Confident

**How to Apply**

**Dates and Deadlines**
- Start Term: Fall
- Application Deadline: December 18

**Prerequisites**
The following courses are required for admission into KGI's MSGC program:
- Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Genetics
- Statistics
- Social Science (Psychology, Sociology, Communication, Anthropology, Counseling, Cultural Studies)

Courses in embryology, bioethics, anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, organic chemistry, and communication are highly recommended.

Visit [kgi.edu/msgc](http://kgi.edu/msgc) for credit hour requirements.

**Application Requirements**
An online application is required that contains questions about your personal and educational background. Additional requirements to be submitted with the application include:
- Transcript(s)
- Current CV or resume
- Personal statement
- Name and contact information for three recommenders
- $75 non-refundable application fee

The MSGC program does not require the GRE.

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