

Key Organizations in Genetic Counseling, Graduate Training, and American Accreditation and Certification



All organizations focus on advancing the field of genetic counseling

However, each organization serves a different purpose:

Main focus and purposes

ACGC focuses on the accreditation of graduate programs in genetic counseling to ensure quality education

ABGC focuses on the certification process for genetic counselors and awards the CGC credential to individuals who pass the ABGC Board exam.

GCEA focuses on supporting graduate programs and educators who train genetic counselors.

Sets standards of accreditation and practice based competencies for graduate programs in genetic counseling

Administers the Board examination

Builds a diverse community of graduate-level educators to define best practices, facilitate resource sharing, and foster collaborations to promote equitable, inclusive, and just education for genetic counselors.

Monitors program compliance with the Standards to ensure the quality and consistency of genetic counseling education

Manages the recertification of the CGC credential process for all licensed genetic counselors

Oversees the Genetic Counseling Admissions Match in conjunction with National Matching Service for programs and prospective students.

Reviews and approves the accreditation status of established graduate programs in genetic counseling year to year

Provides resources for exam preparation, such as the Candidate Guide and Practice Exam

Provides members with networking opportunities and resources to advance quality in genetic counseling education.

Approves and accredits new graduate programs in genetic counseling at universities in the United States and Canada

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To learn more about Canadian resources, visit the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors (www.cagc-accg.ca) or the Canadian Board of Genetic Counselling (www.cbgc-cccg.ca).

For resources on continuing education, visit the National Society of Genetic Counselors (www.nsgc.org).