

JOAN H. MARKS MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN

GENETIC COUNSELING

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Home of the nation's first—and still largest—genetic counseling program, Sarah Lawrence has more experience educating and training genetic counselors than any other academic institution in the world. This celebrated program integrates education, healthcare, and humanism as it prepares genetic counselors to work in a growing, dynamic field.

As health care professionals, genetic counselors use their expertise in genetics to evaluate comprehensive information about risk and the appropriate use of genomic technologies. They discuss genetic health issues with patients and their families while respecting the spectrum of personal beliefs and values that exist in society.

Students enrolled in the genetic counseling graduate program at Sarah Lawrence College:

- Study with a faculty comprised of top physicians, scientists, and genetic counselors from the region's most respected hospitals, medical centers, and research institutions
- Obtain hands-on clinical training in one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse metropolitan areas in the world
- Work with patients and their families affected with a wide range of genetic conditions throughout the lifespan
- Experience how clinical genetic services are delivered in a variety of health care settings—from large academic medical centers to community-based hospitals

- Complete a collaborative research project mentored by prominent researchers
- Pursue areas of interest by doing elective rotations and co-curricular learning experiences
- Receive mentoring by a close-knit group of faculty and clinical supervisors
- Enjoy the benefits of a large network of program alumni covering all regions of North America and international locations

THE PROGRAM

The genetic counseling program provides students with the knowledge base, through course work and supervised clinical training, to develop the practice-based competencies needed to provide genetic counseling services. Students learn through lecture, discussions, team-based learning, collaborative testing, and role play. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling.

Most students complete the program on a full-time basis in 21 months. A total of 70 credits are needed to earn a Master of Science degree in Human Genetics. Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to take the American Board of Genetic Counseling Certification Examination.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [SARAHLAWRENCE.EDU/GENETIC-COUNSELING](https://www.sarahlawrence.edu/genetic-counseling)
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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There is a tremendous need for genetic counselors in the health care workforce, providing graduating students with multiple job opportunities. In addition to clinical roles, genetic counselors have expanded and adapted their skills into areas such as research, industry, education, policy, public health, administration, and advocacy. The program supports students in their job search by assisting them with interviewing and negotiating strategies and by connecting students with recruiters who contact the program.

ADMISSION

Qualified applicants will have a four-year baccalaureate degree and undergraduate course work. The following are required prerequisites for admission (to be completed before enrollment):

- General Biology
- General Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Molecular Genetics or Cell Biology
- Human Genetics
- Embryology or Developmental Biology
- Statistics
- Insight into genetic counseling through shadowing and/or other experiences
- Experience in a health care-related and/or advocacy organization

Other requirements include:

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- Submission of official transcripts
- Letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Registration with National Matching Service, Inc: www.natmatch.com/gcadmissions

International applicants are required to take the TOEFL Examination to assess their English-language ability.

Applicants are expected to demonstrate an understanding of the genetic counseling profession and the role of the genetic counselor. Applicants should have firsthand experience working with individuals with a health condition, in a crisis, or undergoing some other difficulty. This is often accomplished through volunteer work and serving as an advocate or counselor.

For more information, visit the program's website.

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