GENETIC COUNSELING
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Genetic Counseling Program is a unique partnership between two institutions. Students benefit from the wisdom of over 30 years of genetic counseling training, while at the same time having a program that is nimble and responsive to change. The program consists of a strong didactic foundation coupled with unparalleled access to diverse patients in the country’s largest medical center where students put into practice their psychosocial training.

Visit our website at gsbs.uth.edu/genetic-counseling
2 Parent institutions: MD Anderson and UTHealth
94% First-time pass rate on genetic counseling board examination
Students represent over 33 states and two countries
Over 140 languages spoken in Houston - U.S. Census data
Founded in 1989 with over 140 genetic counseling program alumni
Certified by Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling
100+ Houston-area genetic counselors
2 year specialized Master of Science program
10 million patient encounters per year in Texas Medical Center
75%+ of graduates publish or present thesis research nationally
Excellent scholarships and financial aid = affordability
Named Best Job by US News & World Report
Students
They come from all over the U.S. and have shadowed genetic counselors, volunteered with advocacy, disability, and crisis groups, and participated in research. They are supported with mentorship and advising programs that contribute to their growth as successful genetic counselors.

Surroundings
The Texas Medical Center (TMC) is the largest medical center in the U.S. and provides unique training experiences. Training sites for the Genetic Counseling Program include McGovern Medical School at UTHealth, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Shriners Hospital for Children, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, and numerous outreach clinics located in industry, private clinics and public health settings. TMC hosts numerous scholarly events and is the workplace of many renowned genetics professionals.

Supervisors
Health care personnel working with the program do so because they love genetics and teaching. They put tremendous time, energy, and enthusiasm into the program, and it shows!

Hands-On Experience
Students begin seeing patients in January of their first year, working with the guidance of experienced supervisors. Rotation experiences are varied, student autonomy is fostered, and successful clinical experiences are achieved.
Scholarships
Awards are available to several incoming students on a competitive basis and are distributed at the time of admission. Qualifying out-of-state students with scholarships will receive in-state tuition that helps offset educational costs.

Psychosocial Counseling
Practicing genetic counselors and experienced professionals lead students through didactic coursework, standardized patient exams, and practice-based seminars to hone counseling skills. The goal is to enable students to become competent, empathetic providers of short-term psychosocial counseling.

- High Expectations
- Supportive Environment
- Excellence in Genetic Counseling Education
Houston has one of the youngest, fastest-growing, and most diverse populations in the world. With 6.9 million residents, it’s ranked fourth in the U.S. by total population, and is luring more residents from around the globe drawn by its mix of cultural amenities, world-class restaurants, diverse communities, and a low cost of living.

Nicknamed the Space City because of its proximity to NASA’s Johnson Space Center, it is also home to the largest medical complex in the world, the Texas Medical Center, that employs over 106,000 people. Across the region, health care and social assistance employed 360,742 people in 2017, almost one in eight Houston workers, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Texas Medical Center’s 61 member institutions, which includes MD Anderson UT Health Graduate School, have been consistently recognized as some of the best hospitals and universities in the nation by U.S. News and World Report and nearly 10 million patients visit the center annually.

Twenty-one companies on the 2018 Fortune 500 list are headquartered in the Houston metro area, ranking the Space City fourth in the country behind New York, Chicago and Dallas-Ft. Worth. The Houston region is home to 44 companies on the Fortune 1000 list.

With four major league sports teams, an abundance of bike and jogging trails, and some of largest urban parks in the nation, Houston is a great place to experience the outdoors. And being a southern city, the region enjoys mild winters that allow for outdoor activities year-round. To that end, there are hundreds of miles of hike-and-bike trails, and neighborhoods provide picturesque environments for early morning or evening walks, runs, or rides. - Info from Greater Houston Partnership
**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Application Deadlines: December
Interview Status Notification: February
Interview Dates: March & April

Applicants must register with National Matching Service to be considered for an interview: natmatch.com
Notification Date: in accordance with Association of Genetic Counseling Program Directors Match Date

**THE REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Online Application
Transcripts
Personal Statement
Letters of Recommendation (3)
GRE Test Scores
Application Fee
Advocacy/Disability experience
Crisis Counseling
Genetic Counseling internship/shadowing/exposure

**APPLICATION FEE WAIVER:**

Students may request an application fee waiver by submitting a written request to the Office of Admissions (gsbs.admissions@uth.tmc.edu)

**TUITION AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Program provides excellence in genetic counseling education at a surprisingly affordable cost. Visit gsbs.uth.edu/admissions/financial-assistance

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