

ACGC MESSENGER



A Newsletter from the Accreditation Council
for Genetic Counseling

Welcome to the ACGC Messenger

Welcome to the 2025 Fourth Quarter ACGC Messenger newsletter. We look forward to keeping you updated with important information and announcements in this quarterly newsletter.

2025 Updates: ACGC Resources and Policies



In 2025, ACGC volunteers continued to create resources to advance quality in genetic counseling education, improve on volunteer resources, and provide better guidance on review and role fulfillment in the genetic counseling field.

Below is a list of resources and materials that were created or improved in 2025:

- Budget Planning Example Template
- Key Organizations in Genetic Counseling, Graduate Training, and American Accreditation and Certification Infographic
- ACGC Process Flowcharts
- Site Visit Format Policy
- Remediation Plan Evaluation Policy and associated form
- Inactive Status Policy and three associated forms
- All active Committee Charges (*Communications, DEI, Executive, Finance, Nominating, Program Review, and Standards*)
- Program Review Manual for Programs (*to be provided at the opening of each Self-Study*)
- Report of Current Status Review Manual (*to be provided to PRC Volunteers at the time of review*)
- Addition of volunteer database to Armature

Along with these improvements, within Armature on the 'Additional Info' sub-tab of the 'Profile' tab, the program's recorded approved cohort size and self-reported teaching modality is now displayed.

Proposed Standards Revisions Response

Thank you

Thank you to the 392 members of the Genetic Counseling community who took the time to respond to the recent survey requesting feedback on the proposed revisions to the Standards of Accreditation. We are thrilled to have received such an extensive response representing a wide range of perspectives. Over the next few months, the ACGC Board of Directors will review these comments and finalize the next version of the Standards, with publication anticipated in early 2026.

Substantive Change - Increase in Program Enrollment Reminder

If your program intends to increase the total number of students enrolled by more than 10% or four total students (whichever is smaller) for the next academic year, a Substantive Change for this adjustment needs to be submitted and approved by the ACGC Board of Directors prior to participation in the Genetic Counseling Admissions Match. Generally, review and approval of this submission type can take several months, so please allow extra time within your planning timelines for this change. It is recommended that if you intend to implement this change during the 2026 Match Cycle, the form be submitted by the end of December 2025.

To have any type of **Substantive Change form** opened in Armature, please **email the Executive Office** to start the process.

2026 Fee Increases



In the summer of 2024, the ACGC Board of Directors, based on recommendations from the Finance Committee, approved an increase in fees for accreditation processes that will apply to accreditation and review submissions received after January 1, 2026. Notice of this increase was sent in August of last year, as well as being presented by the ACGC Presidents at the GCEA conferences for the past two years.

As the number of genetic counseling training programs continues to increase, so have the needs of ACGC. Fees paid to ACGC support executive office staffing,

which has been increased to support the increase in review requests that results from the growing number of programs. Fees also support the increasing cost of travel for site reviewers. Additionally, ACGC anticipates financial support from our related organizations will decrease in the next years, requiring us to become more self-sustained.

Details of the fee increases can be found [here](#). If you have questions about the information provided on the website, [contact the Executive Office](#).

ACGC Office Hours



December 9th - 12-1 pm EST

Come prepared with any questions you may have, or feel free to send them to us in

advance to be answered live! This is a chance to collaborate with other program leaders and ACGC Board members on questions, clarifications, and generally engage with your accreditation community. Register [here](#) if you have not yet done so!

Program Development

2025 Application Status

Ongoing New Program Applications

The University of Chicago

2025 Programs Undergoing Reaccreditation

Arizona State University

Keck Graduate Institute

University of Toronto

University of Rochester

Announcements

2025 Site Visits: **October 2025 through January 2026**

American College of Medical Genetic and Genomics Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting – Baltimore, MD: March 10-14, 2026

Accreditation Fees Due: **June 30, 2026**

Report of Current Status Application Due: **June 30, 2026**

Self-Study Application Due: **August 1, 2026**

Canadian Association of Genetic Counselors 2026 Annual Education Conference - Halifax, NS: October 14-17, 2026

American Society of Human Genetics Conference - Montreal, Canada: October 20-24, 2026

National Society of Genetic Counselors 45th Annual Conference – Baltimore, MD: November 10-14, 2026

Resource Reminders

Ever wonder what ACGC is up to over the years, and who is involved in furthering the Mission and Vision of the organization? The **2024 Annual Report** is now available on the website, along with **Reports of previous years**, so you can see how the organization has evolved!

We encourage you to forward and share this newsletter on your social media platforms or with colleagues and associates.