

# ACGC MESSENGER



A Newsletter from the Accreditation Council  
for Genetic Counseling

## Welcome to the ACGC Messenger

Welcome to the 2026 Second Quarter ACGC Messenger newsletter. We look forward to keeping you updated with important information and announcements in this quarterly newsletter.

## Resource Reminder - Tripartite Infographic



Last year, ACGC, ABGC, and GCEA worked together to create a [printable infographic](#) to keep on hand as a resource to reference who does what and, most importantly, who is going to be the best group to answer your questions. Please feel free to share this resource wherever you think it will be of value to help support the genetic counseling community.

## Answering Your Questions...Program Growth Across the U.S. and Canada

At least once a year, the question (or concern) of genetic counseling training program growth is raised to ACGC leadership. And we hear you, but as with any discussions, there is always another side to be considered.

ACGC exists to ensure the quality of genetic counseling education through the development of the Standards of Accreditation and the evaluation of program compliance with these Standards. U.S. federal accreditation regulations require accreditors to focus solely on educational quality and not to interfere in matters of institutional governance. As a result, ACGC has no authority over institutional decisions such as new program creation, program closure, operational decision-making, or adjudication of interpersonal complaints. For this reason, we cannot impose numerical limits on the number of genetic counseling training programs that may exist at any given time, nor can we restrict a new program from applying for New Program accreditation status for reasons unrelated to adherence to the Standards.

ACGC's Standards, Accreditation Manual and Bylaws all reinforce that accreditation is a peer-review process that evaluates whether a program meets the minimum Standards, not a system for managing the size of the profession. If an institution can demonstrate compliance with the Standards, ACGC is obligated to review and, if appropriate, accredit the program. Limiting the number of programs would violate federal expectations for fair, non-restrictive accreditation practice and would fall outside the scope of ACGC's legal authority.

## Office Hours



June 16th - 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

### 2026 Application Status

#### **Ongoing New Program Applications**

The University of Chicago

#### **2026 Programs Undergoing Reaccreditation**

Bay Path University

Medical University of South Carolina

University of Connecticut

Thomas Jefferson University

Rutgers University

University of Alabama

University of Colorado

University of Manitoba

University of Pittsburgh

University of South Florida

Case Western Reserve University

## Announcements

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

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

**Genetic Counselor Educators Association Annual Conference - Virtual: July 13-15, 2026**

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

**Canadian Association of Genetic Counselors 2026 Annual Education Conference - Halifax, NS: October 14-16, 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**

2026 Site Visits: **October 2026 through February 2027**

**American College of Medical Genetic and Genomics Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting - Minneapolis, MN: April 13-17, 2027**

**National Society of Genetic Counselors 46th Annual Conference - Tampa, FL: November 7-11, 2027**

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