

ACGC MESSENGER

A Newsletter from the Accreditation Council
for Genetic Counseling



Welcome to the ACGC Messenger

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

2026 ACGC Board Members

ACGC is excited to introduce our three new Board members, who will continue to help guide the organization in supporting programs and students through the advancement of quality in genetic counseling education.



Marjan Champine is the Director of Marketing for Oncology and Global Genetics at Quest Diagnostics. She is a board-certified genetic counselor with nearly 20 years of experience in clinical genetics, population health, and commercial strategy through former roles at Genzyme Genetics, Huntsman Cancer Institute, and Ancestry. She holds an MS in Genetic Counseling from Brandeis University and an MBA from the University of Utah's Executive program. Committed to advancing the field forward, she also holds a certification in Higher Education Teaching and is an adjunct faculty member at Boise State University and the University of Utah, where she teaches professional development skills. Marjan is a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors and former Vice Chair of the Utah DOPL Genetic Counseling Board. She continues to leverage her unique clinical and industry experience to advance population health and precision medicine, while inspiring the next generation of leaders to expand the impact of genetic counseling.



Kate Shane-Carson completed her MS in Genetic Counseling degree at Wayne State University. She has over 20 years of experience in clinical genetic counseling for pediatrics and cancer. She is currently a clinical professor and cancer genetic counselor at The Ohio State University, where she manages genetic counseling services for affiliate hospitals, and coordinates the interprofessional education curriculum for the genetic counseling graduate program. Kate has served as an ACGC Program Review Committee member for more than 10 years and recently served as the chair of the ACGC Standards Committee.

Beth Dugan obtained her master's degree in genetic counseling from Case Western Reserve University in 2001. For over 15 years, Beth provided prenatal genetic counseling services for patients, first in Detroit and then at the University of Michigan Health's Fetal Diagnostic and Treatment Center. During her time at the FDTC, Beth developed a growing interest in alternative means of patient education, implementing an assessment of group consults and a series of education videos for



low-risk obstetric patients considering NIPT. In her current position as Associate Director with the University of Michigan Genetic Counseling Program, Beth coordinates clinical training and supervisor preparation, directs two graduate courses, serves as a research mentor, and assists in curriculum development and strategic planning. From 2022-2024, she was a member of the Michigan Association of Genetic Counselors' (MAGC) Board of Directors and served as the Chair of MAGC's Professional Development

Committee. Currently she remains on MAGC's Professional Development Committee and sits on the Genetic Counselor Educators Association's Education Committee.

Armature Update...Coming Soon!

For all of you Armature users out there, a complete system update is coming soon. This update includes a condensed user menu, improved visual aids for Instrument and review progress as you work towards completion, the ability to 'Preview' or 'Replace' documents directly in the Instrument's tab, and the list goes on! Please be aware that when you login, the system will look significantly different from what you have learned to work within. Get reacquainted, click around, and you'll find that all the familiar features and previous submissions are still available to you, just with some welcome improvements.



Call for Volunteers

ACGC is looking for volunteers for the following committees:

Nominating Committee – This committee reviews and ranks a slate of candidates for the ACGC Board of Directors, taking into account the composition of the current Board and potential strategic additions for the future of ACGC.

Communications Committee – This committee contributes to most of the external communications published by ACGC, from newsletters to articles connected to topics of concern for our community with regard to ACGC operations.

Program Review Committee (PRC) – This committee is responsible for reviewing a wide range of submission types that take part through ACGC throughout the year to assess compliance with the Standards of Accreditation. Committee members provide accreditation recommendations to the ACGC Board, based on their review team's findings.

If any of these committees seem like the right fit for you, please apply [here!](#)

GCEA Conference Communications Survey

During the recent GCEA Conference, ACGC shared a quick communications survey to get a sense of how a large base of you feel that we're doing. The results of the survey were largely positive, with most respondents noting that we communicate "just the right amount" with relevant information. A majority of respondents also felt that they have adequate opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback.

If you feel differently, or have ideas on how we can improve in any of these areas, you are always welcome to email us at info@gceducation.org!

Office Hours



September 3rd - 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

2026 Site Visits: **September 2026 through January 2027**

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**

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**

Accreditation Fees Due: **June 30, 2027**

Report of Current Status Application Due: **June 30, 2027**