GENETIC COUNSELOR

Genetic Counselors advise an individual client, a client’s family, or other licensed health care professional by obtaining and evaluating individual, family, and medical histories to determine genetic risk for genetic or medical conditions and diseases in a patient, his or her offspring, and other family members. Discuss means of diagnosis, genetic and environmental factors, and management of risk for genetic or medical conditions and diseases. Identify and coordinate genetic laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies as appropriate for the genetic assessment. Integrate and explain laboratory test results and other diagnostic studies with personal and family medical history to assess and communicate risk factors for genetic or medical conditions and diseases. Provide written documentation of medical, genetic, and counseling information for families and health care professionals.

Legislation
Statutes: NH RSA 326-K and 328-F
Administrative Rules: Chapter Ahp 100 - 300 and Gen 100 - 500

Continuing Education
Completion of 50 hours of professional education is required biennially for license renewal. At least half of the contact hours shall be directly related to the practice of genetic counseling.

Fees
Application ................. $60.00
Initial licensure fee ............. $110.00
Biennial renewal .............. $110.00
License reinstatement .......... $220.00
Licenses expire on December 31 of each odd numbered year

Reciprocity
Permitted, the requirements or standards for certification or licensure in that state are equivalent to, or greater than those of New Hampshire.

Active Licenses
378

O*Net Codes
29-9092.00 Genetic Counselors

Related Training
Genetic Counseling / Counselor

Examination
To be determined

Licensure Requirements
• Good professional character and reliability
• An academic degree which is at least a Master’s degree
• A currently valid certificate issued by the American Board of Genetic Counseling or the American Board of Medical Genetics
• Must complete a criminal background check

Regulatory Agency
New Hampshire Genetic Counselors’ Governing Board
Office of Professional Licensing and Certification
7 Eagle Square
Concord, New Hampshire 03301
phone 603-271-2152
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Additional Information Sources
National Society of Genetic Counselors
www.nsgc.org
American Board of Genetic Counseling
www.abgc.net