

## Instructions for Applicants to the MS Genetic Counseling Program

In addition to the general application materials (application, fee, transcripts, three letters of reference, GRE scores) applicants to the MS Genetic Counseling Program must submit a resume and personal essay.

### Resume Instructions

Your resume should include the following information:

#### *Academic*

List all undergraduate/graduate studies including institution, dates attended, year of graduation, degree earned, major, GPA

Required prerequisite coursework – indicate name and course number and grade obtained for all courses you completed to satisfy the prerequisite course requirements. Include any courses in which you are currently enrolled.

Additional relevant coursework –please provide a list of relevant undergraduate and graduate course work you completed; include the course number and name and the grade obtained.

#### *Additional Experience*

For each of the following, please provide a brief description of the experience including the dates and duration of your participation

Crisis counseling/advocacy experience

Genetic counseling observation/ internships

Laboratory or other research experience

Other relevant experience

#### *Relevant Employment*

Please list any relevant employment experience including dates, duration and a brief description

#### *Awards, Honors*

Please provide a list of any awards, honors or other recognition you have received

### Personal Essay Instructions

Please submit a 2-3-page essay (double spaced 12 point font) to address the following:

Please describe how your academic and other experiences led to your interest in genetic counseling

Comment on the personal characteristics that will contribute to your success as a genetic counselor

From your perspective, what are the current and future challenges for the profession?

Note: You do not need to repeat information that is contained in your Resume in the essay. You should focus on sharing stories about your experiences and the insights you gained by these.

**All application materials, including transcripts, three letters of reference, GRE scores, resume and personal essay must be received by the December 1 application deadline.**

The Admissions Committee reviews applications shortly after the application deadline. A subset of the most qualified applicants will be invited to campus for a personal interview with the Admissions Committee. Applicants will receive a letter by mid-March to let them know if they have been selected for an interview. The interviews are scheduled during late March and April and are required for admission to the program. The class will be selected from among those applicants who are interviewed. Applicants will be notified of final admission decisions on the first Friday of May.

Questions about application/admission procedures may be directed to the Program Director, Nancy Callanan by email ([nancy\\_callanan@uncg.edu](mailto:nancy_callanan@uncg.edu)) or Program Assistant, Sally Sprague ([Sally\\_Sprague@uncg.edu](mailto:Sally_Sprague@uncg.edu)) or by calling our office at (336) 256-0175

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