

**Professional Licensure:** The University of Michigan Master's in Genetic Counseling Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC) and graduates are eligible for the American Board of Genetic Counseling's (ABGC) certification examination. Many states now require genetic counselors to be licensed in order to practice and more states are either considering or pursuing legislation that would require genetic counselors to be licensed. The State of Michigan passed legislation that will require genetic counselors to be licensed and is currently in the process of implementing this requirement through the process of writing rules and regulations.

Licensure requirements vary state to state. Typical requirements for licensure include graduation from an ACGC accredited program and certification by passing the ABGC board examination. Graduates from the University of Michigan Genetic Counseling program accept positions and are able to work across the country. Furthermore, the University of Michigan Genetic Counseling program works to stay abreast of issues and trends in genetic counseling licensure. After researching regulations in all 26 states that currently require licensure, it is our assessment that graduates of the University of Michigan's Master's in Genetic Counseling satisfy educational prerequisites for licensure in any US state, district, or territory ("state").

Educational requirements for licensure are ultimately determined on a state-by-state basis and are subject to change. For this reason, we are unable to exclude the possibility of future additions or changes in any given state that might impact licensure requirements. Anyone seeking more information about licensure in a specific state may wish to contact the appropriate licensing agency in that state. Contact information can be obtained by accessing the links labeled "General Information" on the National Society of Genetic Counselor's (NSGC) [Policy and Publications page](#).

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