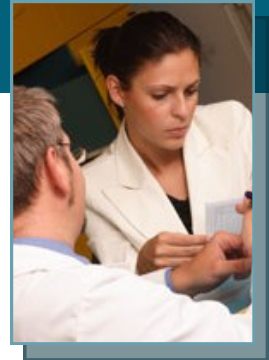


Genetic Counselor Licensure



WHO ARE GENETIC COUNSELORS?

Healthcare professionals with a specialization in medical genetics and counseling

WHAT DO GENETIC COUNSELORS DO?

Discuss medical history and family history with individuals

Analyze family and medical history to determine risk for genetic conditions

Explain genetics, inheritance, and specific genetic conditions

Help patients determine their chance of a genetic condition or risk for a recurrence of that condition

Review available testing options, and facilitate genetic testing

Help patients with decision-making regarding management, prevention, and research opportunities

Provide psychosocial and supportive counseling

WHERE DO GENETIC COUNSELORS WORK?

Medical Clinics — hospitals, universities, private practices

Corporations — pharmaceutical firms, genetic testing companies

Non-traditional roles — public health departments, insurance companies, and healthcare companies.

The primary focus areas for genetic counselors are Obstetrics, Oncology, Pediatrics, Neurogenetics, and Cardiology

WHAT MAKES GENETIC COUNSELORS UNIQUE?

Holding a Master's degree in Genetics or Genetic Counseling

Having clinical experience in the areas of medical genetics and psychosocial counseling through their extensive training

Certification by the American Board of Genetic Counseling.

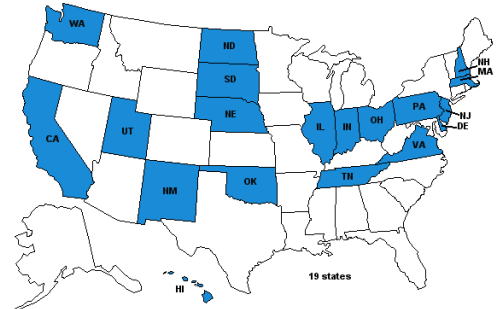
~85 genetic counselors with this advanced training and expertise are currently practicing in Minnesota

WHY SHOULD GENETIC COUNSELORS BE LICENSED IN MINNESOTA?

- To protect the public — there is no legal standard for who can represent themselves as genetic counselors
- To ensure that individuals and families receive quality genetic counseling services
- To provide the public with a means to identify qualified genetic counselors
- To ensure broad public access to genetic counseling services including rural Minnesota

ARE GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES?

- 14 States are currently issuing licenses
- 5 States have bills passed and are currently in rulemaking



WHAT WILL IT COST THE STATE ?

- Our bill is **BUDGET NEUTRAL** for state of MN as Genetic counselor Licensure will be under the Board of Medical Practice
- Cost analysis data shows genetic counseling by qualified professionals reduces national health care costs by over \$4 billion over 10 years.

SOME OF OUR SUPPORTORS

- The Minnesota Cancer Alliance
- March of Dimes
- The ALS Association MN/ND chapter
- Children’s Tumor Foundation
- Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE)
- MOCA (Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance)
- Minnesota Oncology Nursing Society
- National Society of Genetic Counselors
- Minnesota Genetic Counselors Association

