

Department of Genetic Counseling
College of Health Related Professions
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Admissions Checklist

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited college or university.
- Undergraduate Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the last 60 hours of coursework, with a 2.85 Cumulative GPA for all course work attempted.
- Each required prerequisite course listed below completed with letter grade of B or above.
- Submission of the following documents:
 - A. Application for Admission which is available online at:
<http://www.uams.edu/gradschool/pro%5Fstudents/>
 - B. Official transcripts from each university attended even if listed as transfer credit on another transcript.
- GRE within five (5) years of application for admission. The official general GRE score report should be sent directly to: UAMS Graduate School, 4301 West Markham, #601, Little Rock, AR 72205-7199. No advanced subject score required.

ETS codes our institution with the following specifications:

Institution #6901 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Department #0210 Genetics

- Submission of a current curriculum vitae or resume.
- Eight hundred (800) word personal statement that addresses personal goals and vision for applicant's professional career.
- Working or volunteering in a counseling setting where one receives training and supervision in providing counseling to other individuals; example settings include a counseling service, a crisis or suicide hotline, a domestic violence shelter or hotline, or a pregnancy counseling center such as Planned Parenthood. Experience working with individuals with disabilities and/or teaching are also helpful to applicants.
- Competitive applicants will have a strong sense of what the profession of genetic counseling is all about and will have job shadowed for at least one day or have completed a genetic counseling internship before applying. If not completed before applying, admission to the program will be contingent upon completion of that prior to matriculation.
- Meet all requirements set forth by the UAMS Graduate School.
- Participation in an interview by departmental faculty, if invited.
- Three letters of recommendation on departmental form which is available online at:
http://www.uams.edu/chrp/genetics/gc_recommendation.pdf

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Required Prerequisite Course Work [Semester Credits]

General biochemistry	[3]
Genetics with laboratory (taken in the last 5 years)	[4]
General biology with laboratory	[8]
Social science, one course of which must be psychology	[6]
Statistics	[3]
General chemistry with laboratory	[8]
Additional biology laboratory	[3]

Recommended Prerequisite Course Work [Semester Credits]

Abnormal psychology	[3]
Human genetics	[3]
Embryology or Developmental Biology	[3]
English (writing course beyond freshman composition)	[3]
Human Physiology	[3]

All application material should be sent to:

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Application Deadline for the students matriculating in August 2012: February 15, 2012

There is no application fee charged by UAMS for genetic counseling program applicants.