# >>> Master of Science in Genetic Counseling

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- As part of Partners HealthCare, New England's largest health care organization, the MGH Institute of Health Professions offers you unparalleled access to leading academic medical centers and health care sites across New England and beyond.
- Receive mentoring from faculty who are leaders in the field and practicing clinicians, bringing real-life experience into the classroom.
- Learn and collaborate with students and practitioners from across the health professions. Interprofessional team-based experiences will strengthen your ability to provide patient-centered care in an increasingly complex health care environment.
- Team-based learning (TBL) is at the heart of our program. Throughout your course of study, you'll work with a team of students with diverse skills and backgrounds. Rather than sitting in lecture all day, class time is spent with your team under expert faculty guidance working through real-life clinical problems and scenarios.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

We welcome applications from individuals holding a bachelor's degree seeking to earn a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling.

We are here to provide information and answer questions you might have during the admission and financial aid process, and to offer ongoing information throughout the application process. Items to be submitted when applying are:

- Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Official GRE Score Report (School Code: 3513)
- Three (3) recommendation letters
- Curriculum Vitae; please include your National Matching Service (NMS) match code number
- Personal Statement
- Application Fee

#### PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

- BS or BA degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university, or recognized equivalent
- Two Biology courses
- Two Chemistry courses, not including Biochemistry
- One Biochemistry course
- One Statistics course
- One Psychology course
- One Genetics course

For a list of additional coursework that can help strengthen your application to the MS in Genetic Counseling program, please visit *www.mghihp.edu/gcapply.* 



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### ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

#### **Official Documentation**

All offers of admission will be contingent upon the receipt and verification of all outstanding coursework and proof of baccalaureate degree completion.

### TOEFL/IELTS

The language of instruction at MGH IHP is English and a high level of proficiency in both written and spoken English is required. If English is not your first language, or you have graduated from an undergraduate program in a non-English speaking country, or with instruction in a language other than English, you must demonstrate English language proficiency as part of your application to the IHP. In some circumstances, demonstrating English language proficiency may be required even if you are a citizen of a country whose primary language is English.

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide test scores from either the **TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)** or the **IELTS (International English Language Testing System).** The test must have been taken within two years of the application deadline and official score reports are required.

Minimum TOEFL (internet-based) requirement is 80 and the minimum IELTS requirement is 6.5.

#### Foreign Transcripts

Applicants who did not receive an undergraduate or graduate degree in the United States are required to have their degree transcript evaluated by **World Education Services (WES)**. This credential evaluation must document minimum equivalency of a U.S. baccalaureate and/ or a U.S. master's degree or higher. When requesting a transcript evaluation, please request a "course-by-course" evaluation with grades.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Financial Aid

A limited number of competitive scholarships are available; applicants are automatically considered upon acceptance. In addition, the Institute offers graduate assistantships and participates in federal and private loan programs. We encourage applicants to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (*www.fafsa.gov*) and to explore external resources. Additional information is available on our website (*www.mghihp.edu*) and you may also contact the Financial Aid Office at *financialaid@mghihp.edu*.

A number of financial aid opportunities are available for Veterans. U.S. Military Scholarship and Student Loan Repayment programs are offered through the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. The Institute also participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program and other Veteran Benefits for Education. The Registrar's Office will assist eligible student Veterans, Reservists, and dependents in obtaining educational benefits in compliance with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).



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