Focus on Careers:
GENETIC COUNSELING

The Master’s program in Genetic Counseling offered by the Life Sciences Department at Brandeis prepares students for meaningful and challenging careers in the field of genetics. Genetic Counseling involves helping people understand how family and medical history can impact risk or recurrence of disease through education counseling. Through rigorous coursework, dedicated mentorship, and relevant fieldwork at renowned area hospitals students are able to acquire the skills and training necessary to embark on a successful career path post-graduation as a licensed genetic counselor.

POSSIBLE AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Neurogenetics
- Pediatric counseling
- Hematology
- Diagnostic research
- Policy development
- Family risk counseling
- Personalized medicine
- Prenatal counseling and ultrasound anomalies
- Public health
- Pharmaceutical research
- Assisted reproductive technologies/infertility
- Healthcare consulting

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

- Logical thinking
- Research skills
- Numeracy and computing skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Awareness of ethical debates
- Ability to interpret masses of data
- Report creation, written skills

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

To learn more about the field and career options in Genetic Counseling, please visit:

- National Society for Genetic Counselors
  nsgc.org
- American Board of Genetic Counseling
  abgc.net
- Center for Human Genetics Inc.
  chginc.org
- New England Regional Genetics Group
  nergg.org

BEYOND BRANDEIS

GSAS alumni have gone on to a variety of careers including:

- Clinical Science Associate – Genzyme
- Principal Consultant – Vibrant Gene Consulting
- Genetic Counselor, Cylogenics – Lab Corp
- Cancer Genetic Counselor – Massachusetts General Hospital
- Genetic Counselor – Myriad Genetics
- Laboratory Genetic Counselor – GeneDx
- Genetic Counselor – Boston Children’s Hospital
- Genetic Counselor – Dana Farber Cancer Institute

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences’ Career Services office helps you explore career options and acquire job-search skills while at Brandeis and as you prepare to enter the workforce.

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