



AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY

GENETIC COUNSELING

2025 Application Checklist

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2025 Application Cycle Dates

Please review the FAQs below for an explanation of what is due on the application date and the supporting materials date.

Sept. 4, 2024 — Match registration for applicants opens

Sept. 16, 2024 — ASGCGP application opens

Dec. 18, 2024 — ASGCGP application deadline

ASGCGP online application must be submitted by Dec. 18, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. CT.

Dec. 20, 2024 — ASGCGP supporting materials deadline*

Materials must be received by the Office of Graduate Education by Dec. 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. CT. Final grades for the Fall 2024 semester are not required.

**LATE APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS THAT
ARE SUBMITTED LATE, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Feb–March 2025 — Interviews

Interviews will be conducted virtually. If selected for an interview, interviewees will participate in either a morning or afternoon interview session on one of the following dates:

Feb. 21, 2025, Feb. 28, 2025, March 7, 2025, March 21, 2025, and March 28, 2025.

Apr. 8, 2025 — Last day to submit Match rankings

Apr. 16, 2025 — Match results released to applicants and programs

* See FAQ page for additional information about what we consider supporting materials

Application Checklist

Genetic Counseling Admission Match Site

Register with the Genetic Counseling Admission Match (*Required*)

- Register with the Genetic Counseling Admission [Match](#) through National Matching Services Inc.
- Registration with the Match costs \$100. [Limited fee waivers are available](#) on the national level.
- You **MUST** complete this step prior to applying to the ASGCGP.

Supporting Materials – Submit to Office of Graduate Education

Official Transcripts (Required)

- All transcripts and any other supplemental materials must be **received** by the supplemental materials deadlines.
- All official transcripts from a bachelor’s degree should be sent to **one** of the following:
 - graduate@augie.edu
 - or-
 - Office of Graduate Education
Augustana University
2001 S. Summit Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57197
- View the FAQs below to see more information about transcript submission.

Submit Through Slate for Augustana University

Register for a Slate account (Required)

- Your application directly to the ASGCGP will be done on Slate by clicking the [“Apply Now” button on our website](#) and following the instructions.
- There is a \$25 application fee (Augustana students and alumni are exempt from the fee).

Submit all required information and documents through Slate (Required)

- All required documents and information must be submitted, and the fee must be paid prior to the deadline (please take note that the deadline is in Central Standard Time).
- Late applications **will not** be reviewed

B.A./B.S. Degree (Required)

- Applicants must have completed or be on track to complete a bachelor’s degree prior to entering the program. You will indicate your graduation date or anticipated graduation date in Slate.

☐ Prerequisite Coursework (Required)

- For the 2026 application cycle and beyond, we will require: General or Human Genetics; Statistics; Biochemistry, Cell Biology, or Molecular Biology. For the 2025 application cycle, the only required course is General or Human Genetics. We strongly recommend the additional courses.
- Transcripts will be reviewed to ensure that prerequisite coursework is completed.

☐ Undergraduate Cumulative GPA & Natural Science GPA (Required)

- Your undergraduate cumulative GPA must include all undergraduate coursework as well as any grades you received as a non-degree-seeking student (e.g. if you took genetics after graduation to meet application requirements).
- Common natural science courses used for Natural Science GPA calculation include, but are not limited to: biology, chemistry, environmental/earth science and physics.
- Instructions for calculating GPAs can be found in the FAQ section below.

☐ Alternative Demonstration of Potential for Academic Success (Optional)

- Alternative demonstration of potential for academic success **is not** required and most applicants simply use their GPA. However, if you feel that your GPA does not accurately reflect your academic potential, feel free to show us other materials that demonstrate your ability to succeed in the ASGCGP. See our FAQ below for more information.

☐ Resume/CV (Required)

- This should highlight preparatory experiences, which may include communication skills, advocacy experiences, such as crisis counseling, and exposure to the genetic counseling field, such as shadowing, as well as other experiences highlighting well-roundedness.

☐ Personal Statement (Required)

- A 1,000-word personal statement that reflects past experiences, reason for interest in genetic counseling and other stories that connect you with the field.

☐ 3 Letters of Recommendation (Required)

- Three professional references with different perspectives must be submitted in the Slate application for letters of recommendation.
- Letters of recommendation are included as supplemental materials. Please make sure your references are aware of the deadline for receiving supplemental materials to ensure your application is complete and accepted for review.
- If a reference is unable to or does not complete their part, email graduate@augie.edu.

Additional Requirements for International Students

□ Financial Ability Form

- All international applicants must complete the Financial Ability form found in the application. Please follow the instructions on the form and provide any needed supporting documentation.

International applicants who received a degree in the following countries **do not** need to submit any further information:

- United States
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- Ireland
- Australia
- New Zealand

International applicants who received a degree in any country not listed above should submit the following to be considered:

□ WES Evaluation

- International applicants must complete the [World Education Services \(WES\) Course-by-Course Evaluation Report](#) (Basic or ICAP), which may [include fees](#).

□ TOEFL or IELTS Scores

- International applicants must meet university requirements for [TOEFL](#) (minimum score 87) or [IELTS](#) (minimum 6.5) scores to prove English-language proficiency.
- The TOEFL institution code for Augustana University is 6015, and
- The department code for genetics is 06.
- Email genetics@augie.edu to seek exception to this policy.

FAQ/Contact

What needs to be included when I submit official transcripts?

Official transcripts must be current at the time of your application. Grades for courses in progress are not required, but if you are admitted into the program, you will be required to submit your final official transcripts prior to matriculation. (Fall grades for the current academic year are not required.)

Your official transcripts need to include all of your undergraduate courses, dual-credit courses that counted toward your undergraduate degree(s), any non-degree-seeking courses that you took to meet application requirements (e.g. if you took a genetics course after graduation) and any graduate coursework you have completed.

If you transferred schools, please ensure that we receive official transcript(s) that reflect **all** of your coursework. If you have any questions about which transcripts need to be submitted, please contact us at genetics@augie.edu.

What are some alternative ways to demonstrate my potential for academic success beyond my GPA?

ASCGCP **does not** have a specific minimum GPA requirement, but the large majority of competitive applicants do have a 3.0 or higher. Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 may want to consider showing potential for academic success through additional coursework or by taking the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Additional coursework is not required, but it may be helpful to retake courses in which you may receive a better grade that more accurately reflects your effort and aptitude. You may also want to include graduate level coursework, courses you have taken as a non-degree seeking student or certifications that you have earned that help show your potential for success in the ASGCGP. Additional coursework can be recorded in Slate, and any relevant transcripts should be sent to the Office of Graduate Education.

The [GRE](#) is **not required** for acceptance into the program, but may be submitted as a demonstration of academic potential for students who do not feel their GPA is an accurate reflection of their likelihood for success in the ASGCGP. The program looks at Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning and Analytical Writing section scores. You should record your scores in Slate and then have them sent to Augustana University through ETS (the company that administers the GRE). The institution code for Augustana University is 6015; the department/major field code for genetics is 0210.

Does the ASGCGP require the GRE?

The program **does not** require the GRE. Most applicants demonstrate their potential for academic success through their GPAs and do not submit GRE scores. See “What are some alternative ways to prove my potential for academic success beyond my GPA?” above for further information on the GRE.

How do I calculate my Natural Science GPA?

Biology, chemistry, earth/environmental science, and physics courses should be used in your Natural Science GPA calculation.

1. Multiply the point value of the letter grade earned—using the scale below—by the number of credit hours for each course.

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
4.0	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.0

2. Total the credit hours for all natural science courses and total the quality points from all Biology and Chemistry courses.
3. Divide the total quality points earned by the total credit hours. The result is your Natural Science GPA.

Example

Course #	Course Name	Grade	Credit Hours	Quality Points
BIOL 110	Biology and Human Concerns	A	4.0	16.0
BIOL 120	Biological Principles I	A-	4.0	14.8
BIOL 233	Genetics	B+	4.0	13.2
CHEM 116	General Chemistry I	A+	4.0	16.0
CHEM 117	General Chemistry II	B	4.0	12.0
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry	B-	4.0	10.8
CHEM 202	Organic Chemistry and Introductory Biochemistry	C+	4.0	9.2
Totals	-	-	28.0	92.0
Natural Science GPA = $92.0 \div 28.0 = 3.29$				

Still have questions?

Our [website](#) has additional information that may answer any further questions you may have. There is an FAQ tab that you can view as well.

Contact Us

Visit the [website](#) and view the FAQ tab or contact genetics@augie.edu with any questions or concerns.