

# Association of Genetic Counseling Program Directors

## THE GENETIC COUNSELING ADMISSIONS MATCH

### PROGRAM AGREEMENT

The program agrees to participate in and abide by this Program Agreement for the Genetic Counseling Admissions Match (the "Match") for positions that start between May 1, 2023 and January 31, 2024. In particular, the program agrees to:

1. Abide by the Match Rules as shown on the Match website ([natmatch.com/gcadmissions](https://natmatch.com/gcadmissions)), which are incorporated by reference in and are an integral part of this Agreement.
2. Abide by the Schedule of Dates of the Match as shown on the Match website ([natmatch.com/gcadmissions](https://natmatch.com/gcadmissions)), which is incorporated by reference in and is an integral part of this Agreement.
3. Allow the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC) to release to the Association of Genetic Counseling Program Directors (AGCPD) and National Matching Services Inc. (NMS) their current accreditation status as of the date specified by AGCPD, as well as any non-public accreditation contingencies related to the matriculation of students into the program for the current Match cycle.
4. Offer through the Match all positions being offered by the program that start between May 1, 2023 and January 31, 2024.
5. Provide complete and accurate information to applicants prior to the Rank Order List deadline concerning the position(s) available through the Match, including all institution and program policies and eligibility requirements related to admission and the full details and specifics of any financial aid or employment opportunities that would be granted to an applicant upon admission, contingent on the applicant's eligibility.
6. Consider applications prior to the release of the Match results only from those applicants who are registered to participate in the Match.
7. Notify NMS of any changes in the tracks or positions offered in the Match by the Rank Order List deadline specified in the Schedule of Dates.
8. Require no commitment from any applicant and make no offer of admission to any applicant prior to the release of the Match results. This does not preclude expressing strong interest to an applicant without any guarantee of how the applicant will be ranked.
9. Offer admission to all applicants matched with this program.
10. Send a letter of confirmation of the Match result to each applicant matched with this program within 10 working days of the Match Results Day as specified in the Schedule of Dates.
11. Not offer a position to any applicant who was matched elsewhere and who has not received a written release from the program concerned.

The program may express a high level of interest in an applicant. A program may voluntarily inform an applicant as to whether or not it intends to rank the applicant, and an applicant may voluntarily inform a program as to whether or not the applicant intends to rank the program. However, neither party (program or applicant) may solicit such ranking information from the other party, and neither party may solicit from or disclose to the other party any information regarding the positioning of any applicant or program on a Rank Order List. Furthermore, any expression of interest or intention to rank made during the free discussion between a program and an applicant is subject to change based on further considerations.

The Rank Order List(s) submitted to the Match by each program is the sole determinant of the program's order of preference among applicants participating in the Match. Similarly, the Rank Order List submitted to the Match by each applicant is the sole determinant of the applicant's order of preference for programs participating in the Match.

Information concerning the participation of the program in the Match, including its status and result, may be reported to participants in the Match, as well as to AGCPD and other parties deemed appropriate by AGCPD. The information provided to the Match may be used for research purposes.

The program agrees to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policies as shown at [natmatch.com/gcadmissions](https://natmatch.com/gcadmissions), and agrees that NMS may contact the program by email and/or phone regarding its participation in the Match.

**AGCPD is responsible for enforcing this Agreement, and violations of the terms of this Agreement or the Match Rules will be reported to AGCPD.** If this program violates any of the terms of this Agreement or the Match Rules, such as not offering an appointment to an applicant who has matched with this program, or offering an appointment to an applicant who has matched to another program and has not been released by that program, AGCPD may investigate and impose penalties on this program such as cancellation or denial of AGCPD memberships, and/or barring this program from participation in future Genetic Counseling Admissions Matches.