

Genetic Counselor Educators Association (GCEA)

Overview of the 2026 GC Admissions Match

The Genetic Counseling Admissions (GC Admissions) Match places applicants into positions in accredited masters-level genetic counseling programs. GCEA encourages all eligible programs offering positions that start training between May 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 to register for the GC Admissions Match.

[Agreements and Rules](#) 

[Schedule of Dates](#) 

[GC Admissions Match Support](#) 

[Registration](#)

To participate in the GC Admissions Match, the Program Director needs to set up a new account and [register](#) the program in the NMS Match System by August 13, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter. Account information is not carried over from previous years for security reasons. Participating programs must offer through the GC Admissions Match all available positions that start training between May 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027. [Step-by-step registration instructions](#) are available online.

A list of [participating programs](#) will be posted on the Match website by September 3, 2025.

[Manage Your Account](#)

Once registered, you can log into the NMS Match System to update program and track information, including [updating contact information](#), [modifying the number of positions offered](#) in the Match, [adding an additional track](#) to your program, or adding [secondary users](#) to your account.

If a registered program will not offer any positions between May 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027, it must be [withdrawn](#) from the Match by the Rank Order List deadline.

[Applications](#)

Applicants apply to programs independently of the GC Admissions Match. Registered programs may only consider applications from applicants who have registered to participate in the Match. Each program can set its own procedures for applications. NMS is not involved in the application, interview, or evaluation process.

[Interviews](#)

You can schedule interviews in any way you like, but applicant interviews and final evaluations must be completed before the Rank Order List deadline.

[Rankings](#)

Programs and applicants [submit Rank Order Lists](#) of their preferred choices into the NMS Match System by the Rank Order List deadline. You must prepare a separate Rank Order List for each track offered by your program.

The Rank Order List for each track should include all applicants who would be acceptable, ordered according to your true preferences. The Match website has more information about the [optimal ranking strategy](#).

[Results](#)

NMS uses an [established and proven matching algorithm](#) to process the Rank Order Lists submitted by applicants and programs. Each track will be matched with the most preferred applicant(s) on its Rank Order List who have ranked that track and who are not matched to a track they prefer.

The [results of the GC Admissions Match](#) are made available online and by email on the Match Results Day. The results constitute a binding commitment from which neither the applicant nor program can withdraw without mutual

consent. A program must offer admission to each applicant with whom it is matched, and the applicant must accept the offer and attend the program.

Programs with unfilled positions and applicants who did not match may participate in the [Post-Match Process](#) to fill available positions.

[Help Resources](#)

For additional information, review the [GC Admissions Match website](#), including the [Overview for Programs](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or [contact NMS support](#).