

International Genetic Counselling Credentialing: a Working Group of the TAGC

Template for Comparing Credentialing/Registration

Country	Netherlands
Date of completion	15.02.2016
Name of Credentialing Body/Registration Board	BOGC Begeleidings commissie opleiding Genetisch Consulenten (supervisory committee for training of genetic counselors)
Website/Address	www.NVGC.info/opleiding
Is there a separate credentialing/registration process for nurses? If yes, please give details of nursing credentialing group	No, there is not.
Eligibility criteria to apply for certification/registration	Studiegids (website). Only in Dutch. Not available in English
Required criteria to apply for a Masters degree in Genetic Counseling	Not available
If there is a Masters Degree in Genetic Counseling, is this accredited? If so, by whom?	No, not yet. There is a general master degree to Physician Assistant (PA) or Nurse Specialist (NS). Possibility to take genetics as subject. This master degree will be the future training for genetic counselors. First students started this year.
Minimum length of time between completing the training requirements and applying for certification/registration	Not available
Number of cases used in Masters in Genetic Counseling course that can also be used in registration	Not available
Is there a written examination? Yes/no, please give details	Not available
Who is examination assessed and ratified by? Please give details or say if not applicable	Not available
Portfolio of work submitted for certification/registration? yes/no (n.b. this question relates to certification/registration and not to a portfolio of work needed to complete a Masters degree in Genetic Counseling)	Yes
Portfolio assessed by independent assessors? yes/no/not applicable	Yes
Portfolio ratified by the Registration Board? yes/no/not applicable	Yes
Candidate has an interview as part of the credentialing/registration process? yes/no	No. the candidate needs to do research for the portfolio. At the end he/she has present this research at the own department and for the Dutch society of Genetic Counselors (NVGC).

<p>What work is done for certification/registration?</p>	
<p>Core competencies for practice as a genetic counselor, these are the skills that are assessed in the certification/registration process (and not only in the MSc course)</p>	<p>The CanMEDS Roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Medical Expert (the integrating role)</u> • <u>Communicator</u> • <u>Collaborator</u> • <u>Leader</u> • <u>Health Advocate</u> • <u>Scholar</u> • <u>Professional</u>
<p>Is Genetic Counseling Supervision required, post-MSc completion, in order to obtain certification/registration?</p> <p>Please see Clarke et al (2007)¹ for a definition of Genetic Counseling Supervision (i.e. this is different from clinical supervision with a geneticist, or peer supervision with another GC or manager, counseling supervision is with a counseling therapist/psychologist and focuses on counseling issues)</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Are certified/registered genetic counselors regulated? If so, by whom?</p>	<p>By BOGC (supervisory committee for training of genetic counselors)</p>
<p>What requirements exist to maintain certification/registration? How frequently is certification/registration maintained?</p>	<p>24 hours to update skills every year is required. Registration is maintained every 5 years.</p>
<p>Do you have an international policy on registration of genetic counselors trained outside your country? If so, please provide a link to this</p>	<p>Not available.</p>
<p>Please briefly summarise what is required of international genetic counselors wanting to register/certify in your country</p>	<p>Fluency in Dutch language. Same requirements as national genetic counselors</p>

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Clarke A, Middleton A, Cowley L, Guilbert P, Macleod R, Clarke A, Tran V (2007) Report from the UK and Eire Association of Genetic Nurses and Counsellors (AGNC) supervision working group on genetic counsellor supervision. J Genet Couns. 16(2):127-42