

International Genetic Counselling Credentialing: a Working Group of the TAGC

Template for Comparing Credentialing/Registration

Country	Philippines
Date of completion	March 14, 2016
Name of Credentialing Body/Registration Board	None
Website/Address	None
Is there a separate credentialing/registration process for nurses? If yes, please give details of nursing credentialing group	None
Eligibility criteria to apply for certification/registration	Not applicable
Required criteria to apply for a Masters degree in Genetic Counseling	Students with Bachelor's degree in biology, chemistry, psychology and related courses may apply for the Master of Science in Genetic Counseling Program at the University of the Philippines-Manila.
If there is a Masters Degree in Genetic Counseling, is this accredited? If so, by whom?	Yes, we have a training program offered at the University of the Philippines-Manila, and this is not yet accredited.
Minimum length of time between completing the training requirements and applying for certification/registration	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
Number of cases used in Masters in Genetic Counseling course that can also be used in registration	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
Is there a written examination? Yes/no, please give details	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
Who is examination assessed and ratified by? Please give details or say if not applicable	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
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)	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]

Portfolio assessed by independent assessors? yes/no/not applicable	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
Portfolio ratified by the Registration Board? yes/no/not applicable	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
Candidate has an interview as part of the credentialing/registration process? yes/no	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
What work is done for certification/registration?	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
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)	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
Is Genetic Counseling Supervision required, post-MSc completion, in order to obtain certification/registration? 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)	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
Are certified/registered genetic counselors regulated? If so, by whom?	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
What requirements exist to maintain certification/registration? How frequently is certification/registration maintained?	Not applicable [we do not have a certification/registration credentialing board]
Do you have an international policy on registration of genetic counselors trained outside your country? If so, please provide a link to this	No, we currently do not have a policy.
Please briefly summarise what is required of international genetic counselors wanting to register/certify in your country	We currently do not have a system since we do not have a registration/certification mechanism for genetic counselors in the Philippines.

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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