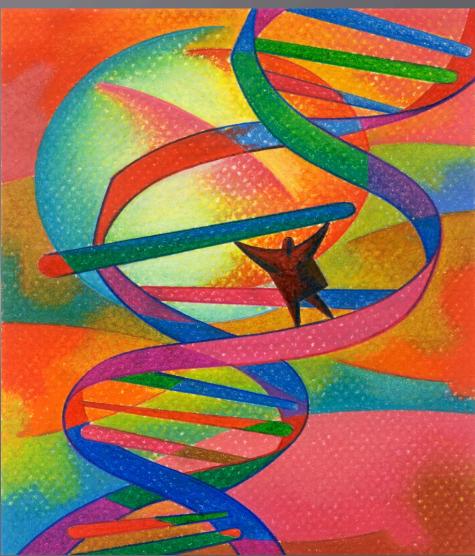
How to become a genetic counsellor?

- Requires a Master's Degree in Genetic Counselling
- Offered at: McGill, University of British Columbia, University of Montreal, University of Toronto and several schools in the USA
- Most programs take 4 8 students per term and are very competitive
- Specific undergrad course requirements are necessary plan early (3rd year is recommended)
- Volunteer experience in counselling and within a genetics clinic is crucial

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Weekly Assignments: Clinical Discussions and Case Reports

Day 1: Case Provided •

1 case / week

Observation of actual counselling session

Total of 11 cases (first not graded)

5 days to ask instructors questions about the case via email

Day 5: Written Report submitted to instructors

Day 7: Oral report of case to instructors

Other Grading Points

- Midterm One Powerpoint presentation to the Edmonton Genetics Clinic on a relevant medical genetics journal article of the students choice
- 2) Final One written assignment of the students choice on a topic relevant to medical genetics and the field of genetic counselling
- Professionalism based on how the student conducts him/herself with patients and the instructors

