

Genetic Counselor Educators Association (GCEA)

Overview of the 2025 GC Admissions Match

The Genetic Counseling Admissions (GC Admissions) Match places applicants into positions in accredited masters-level genetic counseling programs.

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You have been assigned a 5-digit Match Code Number in the NMS Match System that uniquely identifies you in the GC Admissions Match. You should provide this Match Code Number to each program where you apply, and in all communications related to the GC Admissions Match.

You can [log into the NMS Match System](#) to manage your [Account, Profile, and Status information](#) for the Match.

If you no longer intend to participate in the 2025 GC Admissions Match, you must [withdraw from the Match](#) and must not submit a Rank Order List.

[Applications](#)

You must be registered for the Match in order for your applications to be considered by participating programs. You must submit your applications to programs independently of the Match. The Match does not collect application information and is not involved in the submission of applications to programs. Each program sets its own eligibility requirements, procedures for applications, and methods of evaluation, so you should check with each program directly regarding its requirements and procedures.

A [list of programs participating in the GC Admissions Match](#) will be posted on the Match website by September 4, 2024, and will be updated regularly.

[Interviews](#)

Each program sets its own policies and procedures for scheduling and conducting interviews, so you should check with each program directly regarding its procedures. All interviews must be completed prior to the Rank Order List deadline. You are reminded that, according to the Applicant Agreement and [Rules](#) for participation in the Match, you may not make any commitments to, or require any commitments from, any participating program prior to the release of the Match results.

[Rankings](#)

Once interviews and evaluations are complete, applicants and programs submit Rank Order Lists of their preferred choices into the NMS Match System by the Rank Order List deadline. The [Rankings User Guide](#) has step-by-step instructions for submitting your Rank Order List.

Each program offers one or more tracks in the Match. A track refers to a type of position or stream of training at a program (e.g., positions with different financial support, or positions offered at different locations, may be offered as separate tracks). You must rank, and are matched to, a specific track offered by a program.

Your Rank Order List should include all tracks at programs you applied to that would be acceptable to you, ordered according to your true preferences. You should not consider how the program might rank you when ranking your programs. The Match website has more information about the [optimal ranking strategy](#).

If you certify a Rank Order List and do not withdraw prior to the Rank Order List deadline, your rankings will be used in the Match. If you are matched, you must accept the position with which you are matched as outlined in the [Applicant Agreement and Match Rules](#).

[NMS Runs the 'Match'](#)

NMS uses an [established and proven matching algorithm](#) to process the Rank Order Lists submitted by applicants and programs. You will be matched to the most preferred track on your Rank Order List that ranks you and does not fill all its positions with applicants it prefers to you. Similarly, each track will be matched with its most preferred applicant(s) that do not match to tracks the applicants prefer.

[Results](#)

The result you obtain in the Match (whether you successfully matched to a position and, if so, to which track you matched) is provided to you online and by email on the Match Results Day. The Match result constitutes a binding commitment between you and the program to which you matched. If you refuse to accept the Match result, penalties may be imposed on you by the GCEA, as outlined in the [Applicant Agreement and Match Rules](#). Programs with unfilled positions and applicants who do 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 Applicants](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#), or [contact NMS support](#).