

Improving Healthcare Outcomes through Improved Genomics Communication

The 100% online, 12-credit, 4-course Clinical Communication and Counseling Graduate Certificate program will give you the theoretical and practical knowledge you need to better connect your clinical counseling and helping skills with patients and consumers everyday.

The Clinical Communication and Counseling Graduate Certificate will give you the tools and frameworks to:

- Apply counseling methods and helping skills in a genomics context
- Facilitate healthcare discussions that effectively connect on the individual level
- Develop micro-skills that drive communication and patient/consumer rapport
- · Consider how cultural beliefs influence an individual's approach to health, illness, and treatment
- Understand how different social approaches to death, dying, and grief affect people's healthcare decisions

REQUIRED COURSES

CREDITS IN TOTAL

Certificate can be completed in one year.

ISG 5200 - Communication and Counseling Skills for Effective Health Care Conversations, Online (3 credits)

ISG 5201 – Cultural Awareness: Working with Online (3-Credits) Diverse Populations in Health Care, Online (3 credits)

ISG 5202 - Creating a Therapeutic Alliance, Online (3 credits)

ISG 5203 - Death, Dying, Grief, and Coping, Online (3-Credits)



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About the Systems Genomics: Clinical Communication and Counseling Online Graduate Certificate

The Systems Genomics: Clinical Communication and Counseling Online Graduate Certificate at the University of Connecticut is a 12-credit asynchronous online program consisting of four courses designed to provide foundational

concepts of counseling and health communication theories. Concepts of counseling are applied in varied formats toward creating effective provider-patient or advocate-consumer communication.

Skill development will focus on supporting health care discussions and conversations requiring the tactful and effective explanation of genetic and genomic information to



patients, their families, and consumers. This certificate program is designed for anyone practicing or working towards practicing in a healthcare field, who wants to improve work performance and/or for professional advancement.

Often it's not what you say, it's how you say it that can make all the difference. This is especially true if you're talking with patients about aspects of their personal and genomic health.

Your role in delivering important health information is part of the job. But it's vital that you have the skills to effectively communicate sensitive and complex clinical information. How you approach conversations with patients and the public may make all the difference.

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or advocate-consumer communication. Skill development will focus on supporting health care discussions for the benefit of the person and society in the era of individualized medicine.

Establishing a trusting relationship, or "therapeutic alliance," is imperative for all clinical relationships—not just between professional counselors and their patients. How you deliver clinical services and the relationship you

nurture between yourself and each patient may be far more significant than any specific therapeutic technique you can offer.

Program Fees

Students taking courses in the Clinical Genetics and Genomics Online Graduate Certificate program pay a comprehensive fee of \$825 per credit or \$2,475 for a 3-credit course. The cost of the 12-credit certificate program is \$9,900. Please check the website at clinical-genomics-communication.online.uconn.edu/program-fees/ for updates.

Admissions

To apply for admission to the Systems Genomics:
Clinical Communication and Counseling Online Graduate
Certificate Program, complete the application process online at clinical-genomics-communication.online.uconn.edu/how-to-apply/. Applicants must have completed a Baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college or university.

Faculty

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