Genetic Counseling, Volunteer & Work Experience

On the following pages, describe your volunteer positions, internships, genetic counseling shadowing, or work experiences relevant to genetic counseling.  We are most interested in learning more about how your background has prepared you for a career in genetic counseling, so please be as detailed as possible.

We expect applicants to have different degrees of involvement in each category (clinical, laboratory/research, and advocacy). Some applicants may have experience in all three areas, while others may have more experience in one and little in the others. We have designed the form to be flexible. There is one entry block for each section; to create additional entry blocks in a section, copy and paste the table to create as many as needed.

## **Directions:**

1. Follow the instructions in each section and add the requested information. Don’t worry if tables split across two pages.
2. Do not include informational interviews.
3. If you need to add more organizations in a section, just copy and paste the existing table, and add the new organization name in the top row.
4. Please type in all information.
5. Double click on the footer to add your name.
6. Save the completed form pages as a pdf with your name and “Supplementary Experience Form” in the title, e.g., *Hermione Granger Supplementary Experience Form*
7. Upload it to the “Supporting Documents” page of your CollegeNet application.

If you have any questions, please contact the program at [msgcinquiries@pennmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:msgcinquiries@pennmedicine.upenn.edu).

# **Clinical Experience**

Please list your previous clinical experiences. Include genetic counseling shadowing, GCA positions, non-genetics clinical experience and clinical research coordinator positions that focused on clinical genetics research.

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| *Clinical Experience* | |
| **Add name and location of organization 1 here** | **Enter information below.** |
| Purpose of organization (e.g., health care, patient advocacy, fundraising): |  |
| Your position/title: |  |
| Dates of service: |  |
| Number of hours completed as of 12/31/23: |  |
| Your roles and activities: (Did you/how much did you work directly with patients and families? Were you observing sessions? Were you organizing events, scheduling meetings, preparing patient materials, etc.?) |  |

# **Laboratory and Research Experience**

Include non-genetic clinical research coordinator positions here as well as other laboratory and research experiences.

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| *Laboratory and Research Experience* | |
| **Add name and location of organization 1 here** | **Add information below.** |
| Purpose of organization: |  |
| Your position/title: |  |
| Dates of service: |  |
| Number of hours completed as of 12/31/23: |  |
| Your roles and activities: |  |

# **Advocacy Experience**

Here, you can include crisis counseling and other patient/client focused experiences. Examples include teaching, summer camps, day care, hospice care, therapeutic horseback riding, event planning.

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| *Advocacy Experience* | |
| **Add name and location of organization 1 here.** | **Add information below.** |
| Purpose of organization (e.g., health care, patient advocacy, patient/client support, fundraising): |  |
| Your position/title: |  |
| Dates of service: |  |
| Number of hours completed as of 12/31/23: |  |
| Your roles and activities: (Did you/how much did you work directly with patients and families? Were you organizing events, scheduling meetings, preparing patient materials, recruiting volunteers, etc.?) |  |