

## VCU M.S. Genetic Counseling Application Checklist

- Prerequisite courses completed (one prerequisite course may be in progress during an applicant's final spring semester) **Please Note: AP credits from high school do not count towards our program prerequisites:**
    - 6 credit hours of Biology
    - 6 credit hours of Chemistry
    - 6 credit hours of Behavioral Science, Social Science, Arts and Humanities, etc. (e.g. Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Religion, Philosophy, Ethics)
    - 3 credit hours of Genetics
    - 3 credit hours of Biochemistry
    - 3 credit hours of Statistics
  
  - GC Admissions Match registration
    - Visit the National Matching Services, Inc. website at: <https://natmatch.com/gcadmissions/>
  
  - Your completed application should contain:
    - Submission of the VCU electronic application
      - Access online application at: (<https://vcugrad.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>) (you will need to create an account)
        - Select desired term of entry on "Intended Program of Study" screen
        - Select "Masters" for intended level of study
        - Select "Genetic Counseling-MS" for planned course of study
    - Submission of TOEFL or IELTS scores (the latter apply to international applicants ONLY)
      - Send TOEFL/IELTS scores using VCU Code 5570
      - Applicants who have taken the IELTS must request scores be sent to VCU
      - For TOEFL or IELTS submission: academic credentials should be evaluated by service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) (<http://www.naces.org/>)
        - Include evaluation of credentials with application
    - Submission of:
      - Personal statement
      - Curriculum vitae or resume
      - Official transcripts
      - Three letters of recommendation
    - Note: personal statement and curriculum vitae/resume can be uploaded electronically as part of an individual's electronic application. Official transcripts should be sent electronically (using email address [gradmail@vcu.edu](mailto:gradmail@vcu.edu)) or by mail using address listed below. Official transcripts should be received directly from the sending institution. Letters of recommendation can be submitted electronically or sent by mail using the address listed below. When an individual has completed their electronic application, they will have an option to email a link to their references as a means for submitting letters of recommendation electronically.
- Virginia Commonwealth University Graduate School  
Office of Admissions  
408 West Franklin Street  
Box 843051  
Richmond, Virginia 23284-3051
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- Deadline:
  - All documentation (i.e. all forms, letters, transcripts, electronic application, etc.) should be received by **January 1st** or earlier
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- As needed:
  - If supported by a governmental or other scholarship, provide a copy of the financial guarantee or award letter