

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

GENETIC COUNSELOR

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

General Statement: The Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) desires to provide courteous and timely service to all applicants for licensure. To facilitate the application process, **submit a complete application form including all applicable supporting documents and fees.** Failure to submit a complete application and supply all necessary information will delay processing and may result in denial of licensure. The fees are for processing your application and will not be refunded. **Please read all instructions carefully.**

Address of Record: The address you provide on this application will be your address of record. All correspondence from DOPL will be sent to that address. You are responsible to directly notify DOPL of any change to your address of record. Do not rely on a forwarding order.

Social Security Number: Your social security number is classified as a private record under the Utah Government Records Access and Management Act. It is used by DOPL as an individual identifier. It is also used for child support enforcement pursuant to Subsection 78-32-17(3) and is mandatory pursuant to Subsection 58-1-301(1), Utah Code Ann., which implements 42 U.S.C. 666(a)(13). If an SSN is not provided, the application is incomplete and may be denied.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND FEES:

1. Submit official transcripts documenting a master's degree from a program accredited by the American Board of Genetic Counseling.

OR

Submit official transcripts documenting a doctoral degree from a medical genetics training program accredited by the American Board of Medical Genetics.

Have the school mail these official transcripts to you to be included with your application.

2. Submit official documentation of national certification from the American Board of Genetic Counseling or the American Board of Medical Genetics. If you are applying for a temporary license, submit official documentation of "Active Candidate Status."

3. If you are applying by endorsement (currently licensed in another state), use the “Request for Verification of License” form (attached to this application) to obtain verification of licensure from a state in which you are currently licensed as a genetic counselor.

Request that the verifying state complete the form and mail or fax it directly to DOPL or return it to you for submission with your application.

4. Submit a **\$150.00** non-refundable application-processing fee, made payable to “DOPL.”

5. If you are applying for a temporary license, submit the following:

- completed “Application for License”
- “Genetic Counselor Temporary License Request” form (attached to this application)
- \$150.00 non-refundable application processing fee for a genetic counselor license
- \$50.00 non-refundable temporary license fee

NOTE: The verified information contained in the Application for Licensure will be the basis upon which a decision is made to issue the temporary license.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. **Laws and Rules:** You are required to understand all Utah laws and rules pertaining to your practice as a genetic counselor. The following applicable laws and rules are available on the Internet at www.dopl.utah.gov:
 - Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing Act
 - General Rules of the Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing
 - Genetic Counselor Licensing Act
 - Genetic Counselor Licensing Act Rules
2. **Current Documents:** Applications, statutes, rules, and forms are occasionally changed. Go to www.dopl.utah.gov to ensure you have the most recent version of these documents.
3. **Temporary Licenses:** The normal application processing time is approximately 15 working days from the date DOPL receives your complete application and the Genetic Counselor Temporary License Request.

You may not practice as a genetic counselor until the temporary license is issued. Therefore, do not make commitments to a potential employer to commence work prior to the time DOPL requires to process your temporary license. Once you have received your certification examination results, you must forward a copy to DOPL to complete the application process.

4. **License Renewal:** All Genetic Counselor licenses expire September 30 of every even-numbered year.

Unlike many other states, Utah's license renewal schedule **is not** based on the licensee's date of initial licensure. Under Utah's renewal system, all licenses in each profession expire as a group on the same day every two years. Therefore, the length of a licensee's first renewal cycle depends on how far into the current renewal cycle initial licensure was obtained. Each renewal cycle thereafter is for a full two years.

Additionally, the fee paid with this application for licensure is an application-processing fee only. It does not include a renewal fee. Each licensee is responsible to renew licensure **PRIOR** to the expiration date shown on the current license. Approximately two months prior to the expiration date shown on the license, renewal information is disseminated to each licensee's last address of record, as provided to DOPL.

5. **Name Change:** If you have been licensed by DOPL under any other name, please submit documentation of your name change (i.e. copy of a marriage license or divorce decree).
6. **Updating Address Information:** It is your responsibility to maintain a current address with DOPL. If your address is incorrect, you will not receive renewal notices or other correspondence. Address changes can be made online at www.dopl.utah.gov.
7. **Ceremonial Certificate of Licensure:** After obtaining your license from DOPL, you can order a Ceremonial Certificate of Licensure, printed on parchment paper with original signatures and an embossed gold seal. Order forms can be obtained at www.dopl.utah.gov.
8. **Mail Complete Application to:**

By U.S. Mail

Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing
P.O. Box 146741
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6741

By Delivery or Express Mail

Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing
160 East 300 South, 1st Floor Lobby
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

9. **Telephone Numbers:** (801) 530-6628

(866) ASK-DOPL – Toll-free in Utah
(866) 275-3675
10. **Fax Number:** (801) 530-6511

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APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

GENERAL INFORMATION

License Applying For: _____ Genetic Counselor
_____ Genetic Counselor Temporary

Social Security Number: _____

Last Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Gender (Male or Female): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Have You Ever Held A Utah License Before? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, Name of Profession: _____ License Number: _____

MAILING ADDRESS

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SECTION - FOR DIVISION USE ONLY

License/Certificate Number: _____

Date License/Certificate Approved: _____

Approved By: _____

Date License/Certificate Denied: _____

Denied By: _____

Reason for Denial/Other Comments: _____

COMPLIANCE WITH UTAH LAWS AND RULES

I understand it is my continuing responsibility to read, understand, and apply the requirements contained in all statutes and rules pertaining to the occupation or profession for which I am applying, and that failure to do so may result in civil, administrative, or criminal sanctions.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:

(Please list most current first; use additional sheets if necessary.)

Name: _____ Dates Attended: _____ to _____

Location: _____ Specialty: _____

Degree Received: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

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Location: _____ Specialty: _____

Degree Received: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT:

Certifying Body: _____

Specialty: _____

Examination Dates:

Results:

1. _____

Pass Fail

2. _____

Pass Fail

3. _____

Pass Fail

4. _____

Pass Fail

LICENSES:

List all licenses, registrations, or certifications issued by any jurisdiction which you now hold, have ever held, or have ever applied for in any health care profession. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Issuing State: _____ Profession: _____

License Status: _____ License Number: _____ Effective Date: _____

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GENETIC COUNSELOR QUALIFYING QUESTIONNAIRE

Answer “yes” or “no” for each question. Do not leave any question blank.

1. _____ Have you ever applied for or received a license, certificate, permit, or registration to practice in a regulated profession under any name other than the name listed on this application?
2. _____ Have you ever been denied the right to sit for a licensure examination?
3. _____ Have you ever had a license, certificate, permit, or registration to practice a regulated profession denied, conditioned, curtailed, limited, restricted, suspended, revoked, reprimanded, or disciplined in any way?
4. _____ Have you ever been permitted to resign or surrender your license, certificate, permit, or registration to practice in a regulated profession while under investigation or while action was pending against you by any health care profession licensing agency, hospital or other health care facility, or criminal or administrative jurisdiction?
5. _____ Are you currently under investigation or is any disciplinary action pending against you now by any licensing agency?
6. _____ Have you ever had hospital or other health care facility privileges denied, conditioned, curtailed, limited, restricted, suspended, or revoked in any way?
7. _____ Have you ever been permitted to resign or surrender hospital or other health care facility privileges, while under investigation or while action was pending against you by any licensing agency, hospital or other health care facility, or criminal or administrative jurisdiction?
8. _____ Is any action related to your conduct or patient care pending against you now at any hospital or health care facility?
9. _____ Have you ever had rights to participate in Medicaid, Medicare, or any other state or federal health care payment reimbursement program denied, conditioned, curtailed, limited, restricted, suspended, or revoked in any way?

(Questions continue on following page.)

10. _____ Have you ever been permitted to resign from Medicaid, Medicare, or any other state or federal health care payment reimbursement program while under investigation or while action was pending against you by any licensing agency, hospital, or other health care facility, or criminal or administrative jurisdiction?
11. _____ Is any action pending against you now by Medicaid, Medicare, or any other state or federal health care payment reimbursement program?
12. _____ Have you ever had a federal or state registration to sell, possess, prescribe, dispense, or administer controlled substances denied, conditioned, curtailed, limited, restricted, suspended or revoked in any way by either the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or any state drug enforcement agency?
13. _____ Have you ever been permitted to surrender your registration to sell, possess, prescribe, dispense, or administer controlled substances while under investigation or while action was pending against you by any health care profession licensing agency, hospital or other health care facility, or criminal or administrative jurisdiction?
14. _____ Is any action pending against you now by either the federal Drug Enforcement Administration or any state drug enforcement agency?
15. _____ Have you been named as a defendant in a malpractice suit?
16. _____ Have you ever had office monitoring, practice curtailments, individual surcharge assessments based upon specific claims history, or other limitations, restrictions, or conditions imposed by any malpractice carrier?
17. _____ Have you ever had any malpractice insurance coverage denied, conditioned, curtailed, limited, suspended, or revoked in any way?
18. _____ If you are licensed in the profession for which you are applying, would you pose a direct threat to yourself, to your patients or clients, or to the public health, safety, or welfare because of any circumstance or condition?
19. _____ Have you ever been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease and not restored?
20. _____ Have you ever been terminated from a position because of drug use or abuse?
21. _____ Are you currently using or have you recently (within 90 days) used any drugs (including recreational drugs) without a valid prescription, the possession or distribution of which is unlawful under the Utah Controlled Substances Act or other applicable state or federal law?

(Questions continue on following page.)

22. _____ Have you ever used any drugs without a valid prescription, the possession or distribution of which is unlawful under the Utah Controlled Substances Act or other applicable state or federal law, for which you have not successfully completed or are not now participating in a supervised drug rehabilitation program, or for which you have not otherwise been successfully rehabilitated?
23. _____ Have you ever had a documented case in which you were involved as the abuser in any incident of verbal, physical, mental, or sexual abuse?
24. _____ Do you currently have any criminal action pending?
25. _____ Have you pled guilty to, no contest to, or been convicted of a misdemeanor in any jurisdiction within the past ten (10) years? Motor vehicle offenses such as driving while impaired or intoxicated must be disclosed but minor traffic offenses such as parking or speeding violations need not be listed.
26. _____ Have you ever pled guilty to, no contest to, or been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction?
27. _____ Have you, in the past ten (10) years, been allowed to plea guilty or no contest to any criminal charge that was later dismissed (i.e. plea in abeyance or deferred sentence)?
28. _____ Have you ever been incarcerated for any reason in any federal, state or county correctional facility or in any correctional facility in any other jurisdiction or on probation/parole in any jurisdiction?

If you answered “yes” to questions 24, 25, 26, 27, or 28 above, you must submit a complete narrative of the circumstances that occurred for EACH and EVERY conviction, plea in abeyance, and/or deferred sentence. You must also attach copies of all applicable police report(s), court record(s), and probation/parole officer report(s).

If you are unable to obtain any of the records required above, you must submit documentation on official letterhead from the police department and/or court indicating that the information is no longer available.

If you have formally expunged a criminal record as evidenced by a court order signed by a judge, you do not need to disclose that criminal history. Expungement orders must be sent to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and the FBI to enable the expungement to be completed and the criminal history eliminated from the records.

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, enclose with this application complete information with respect to all circumstances and the final result, if such has been reached.

A “yes” answer does not necessarily mean you will not be granted a license; however, DOPL may request additional documentation if the information submitted is insufficient.

AFFIDAVIT and RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I am the applicant described and identified in this application for licensure, certification, or registration in the State of Utah.

I am qualified in all respects for the license, certificate, or registration for which I am applying in this application.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in the application and its supporting document(s) is free of fraud, misrepresentation, or omission of material fact.

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in the application and its supporting document(s) is truthful, correct, and complete; and, discloses all material facts regarding the applicant and associated individuals necessary to properly evaluate the applicant's qualifications for licensure.

I will ensure that any information subsequently submitted to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing in conjunction with this application or its supporting documents meet the same standard as set forth above.

I understand that it is unlawful and punishable as a class A misdemeanor to apply for or obtain a license or to otherwise deal with the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing or a licensing board through the use of fraud, forgery, or intentional deception, misrepresentation, misstatement, or omission.

I understand that this application will be classified as a public record and will be available for inspection by the public, except with regard to the release of information which is classified as controlled, private, or protected under the Government Records Access and Management Act or restricted by other law.

I authorize all persons, institutions, organizations, schools, governmental agencies, employers, references, or any others not specifically included in the preceding characterization, which are set forth directly or by reference in this application, to release to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, State of Utah, any files, records, or information of any type reasonably required for the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing to properly evaluate my qualifications for licensure/certification/registration by the State of Utah.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Signature: _____

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

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Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
160 East 300 South, P.O. Box 146741
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6741
FAX: 801-530-6511

REQUEST FOR VERIFICATION OF LICENSE

(Use this form to verify licensure from another state, if applicable.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

Complete the first section of the form and submit it to the state that is verifying information for you. Request that the verifying state complete the form and return it to you for submission with your application. If a verifying state insists on submitting the verification directly to DOPL, indicate that fact in the appropriate section of the application.

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

I am requesting licensure in the state of Utah as a _____ **GENETIC COUNSELOR** _____

I am/have been licensed in your state under the name _____

My social security number is _____

My date of birth is _____

My license number in your state is/was _____

I have enclosed the necessary license verification fee in the amount of \$ _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

(Continued on the reverse.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VERIFYING AGENCY:

Please furnish the information requested, sign and verify the document, and mail or fax it directly to DOPL or place the completed form in a sealed envelope, and provide it to the applicant in person or by mail. The applicant will include the verification of licensure with his/her Utah application. Thank you.

Name of Verifying State: _____

Name of Licensee (as it appears in verifying state's records): _____

Classification of License Issued: _____

License Number: _____ Current Status: _____

Original Date of Licensure: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Continuously Licensed:

_____ Yes _____ No, please explain: _____

Licensed By:

_____ Exam, Type: _____ Date: _____

_____ Endorsement: from what state? _____

_____ Waiver: _____

Examination Scores: _____

Education Required For Licensure: _____

Disciplinary Action or Pending Disciplinary Action:

_____ No _____ Yes, please provide certified copies of all Petitions, Orders, etc.

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Agency: _____

Date: _____

(SEAL)

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6741
FAX: 801-530-6511

GENETIC COUNSELOR TEMPORARY LICENSE REQUEST

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Employing Facility: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Date Employment Begins: _____

I hereby certify that I will not practice until I have been granted a Temporary License. Once the Temporary License has been issued, I will only practice under the general supervision of a supervising practitioner.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING PRACTITIONER:

Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Position or Title: _____ License No.: _____

I hereby certify that I am a licensed practitioner in good standing and I will supervise the practice of the above named applicant.

Signature of Supervisor: _____ Date: _____