OVERVIEW
Genetic Counselors (GCs) meet with patients to discuss genetic conditions in their family, suggest genetic testing options, and assist in devising plans for handling patient health with their newly gathered information.

ROLES
1. Perform a family history assessment of the patient and develop a pedigree
2. Interpret genetic testing results
3. Guide patients and their families as to how to best proceed with the information they have gathered from family studies and testing using knowledge of treatment options or clinical trials
4. Counsel patients in what can be an incredibly emotional time in their lives
5. May specialize in pediatrics, adult, cancer, neurology, and other particular disciplines

TRAINING
- Master's degree in genetic counseling
- To apply, one needs to:
  - Take the GRE (Graduate Record Exam)
  - Gather letters of recommendation (number differs per program)
  - Write a personal statement
  - Accumulate experience in volunteering and leadership, but more specifically gather counseling experience

MORE INFORMATION
National Society for Genetic Counselors: https://www.nsgc.org/

Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling: Genetic Counseling Programs Available: https://www.gceducation.org/program-directory/


All information taken from: https://www.nsgc.org/page/aboutgeneticcounselors