Allina Health Undergraduate Genetic Counseling Shadowship Program

The goal of this program is to provide a learning experience for undergraduate students or graduates interested in entering the field of genetic counseling.

If you would like to learn more about genetic counseling to determine if this is the career for you, shadowing a genetic counselor can provide you with valuable information and experience. A shadowing experience will occur over one full or half day at Minnesota Perinatal Physicians or Allina Health Cancer Institute. As approved, scheduling will be accordance with the genetic counselor’s preferences and schedule. A student may contact the coordinators\* if more opportunities beyond one day are desired.  Please note, this program is coordinated on a volunteer basis, and inquiries will be responded to within two weeks.

If you are to attend clinic in-person, it is important that you dress in business attire and follow all rules of HIPAA to protect patient privacy included in the Allina provided HIPAA training. Completion of Allina provided HIPAA training and proof of vaccinations are required prior to an in-person shadowing opportunity being scheduled. Once the coordinators receive this form back, they will assist in next steps for completing the shadowing application.

We are interested in learning about your knowledge level and experience with genetic counseling. Please answer the following questions.

1. How did you find out about genetic counseling and why are you interested in the field? \*

Your answer

2. What are your expectations of this experience? \*

Your answer

3. Can we contact you in the future to learn about your experiences with this program? \*

Choose an item.

4. We offer two different options to learn more about the genetic counseling field!  
  
Option #1: An in-person shadowing opportunity at an Allina Health site in the Twin Cities.  
Option #2: Informational Interview (only). This is a great alternative for individuals who live too far away to come shadow in person.

Are you interested in shadowing a genetic counselor in-person? \*

Choose an item.

5. We have opportunities to follow a genetic counselor in either the prenatal or cancer clinic settings. Please choose your preference.

Choose an item.

6. Please provide a one paragraph mini biography, describing past educational, professional, volunteer, and/or life experience that you feel would be helpful for us to know.

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