

MEMO

Date: August 2nd, 2019

From: Canadian Certification Board

To: Canadian Certified Genetic Counsellors

Subject: **Recognized status by the ABGC Accrediting Body Review Committee**

In April 2019, the Canadian certification board applied for 'recognized status' through the ABGC's Accrediting Body Review Committee. Once an accrediting body has been recognized, individuals who are registered or certified with those bodies may apply to sit for the ABGC Certified Genetic Counselor examination. More information about Recognized Accrediting Bodies can be found here: <https://www.abgc.net/becoming-certified/recognized-accrediting-bodies/>.

Unfortunately, the Accrediting Body Review Committee deemed there is not sufficient information provided to evaluate the Canadian certification board as an accrediting body. This means that genetic counsellors who are certified by the Canadian certification board (and did not attend an ABGC accredited training program), are not eligible to write the ABGC examination through a 'recognized status' pathway.

This will continue to remain on the certification board's radar and we hope to re-apply in the future.

## MEMO

Date: March 15, 2012

From: CAGC Board of Directors

To: CAGC membership

Subject: **American Board of Genetic Counselling (ABGC) passes resolution to recognize certification by the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors (CAGC) for supervision of ABGC students.**

This month, the ABGC Accreditation Committee unanimously agreed to recognize Canadian genetic counselling certification as meeting the requirements for genetic counsellors providing supervision of the 50 core cases for students in ABGC-accredited genetic counselling programs. The resolution is effective as of March 1, 2012.

This update will be part of the ABGC's 2012 revisions to the Standards of Accreditation (formerly Required Criteria) for Accreditation of Training Programs in Genetic Counseling, which will be available on-line on ABGC's website later this year ([www.abgc.net](http://www.abgc.net)). For more information, please see the attached letter from the ABGC Accreditation Committee Chair.

What does this mean?

Effective immediately, counsellors with the credential CCGC (Canadian Certified Genetic Counsellor) and/or its French equivalent CGAC (Conseiller(ère) en génétique agréé(e) du Canada) can supervise and sign off on core cases for students in ABGC accredited MSc programs.

Why is this important?

This decision represents an important step in the international recognition of the CCGC/CGAC credential.

- For CCGC/CGAC certified counsellors, this decision increases opportunities for mentorship and supervision of students.
- For current and future Directors of ABGC accredited MSc Programs, this decision increases the number of qualified supervisors for genetic counselling students and may expand and diversify clinical training opportunities.