UTS Genetic Counselling Overview

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Overview

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Genetic counselling as practiced by genetic counsellors is ‘the process of helping people understand and adapt to the medical, psychological and familial implications of genetic contributions to disease. This process integrates the following: interpretation of family and medical histories to assess the chance of disease occurrence or recurrence; education about inheritance, testing, management, prevention, resources and research; counseling to promote informed choices and adaptation to the risk or condition’ (Resta, 2006)
What is Genetic Counselling?

- At UTS we believe that genetic counselling should:
  - be person-centred
  - empower the individual and family
  - foster autonomy
What is Genetic Counselling?

Master of Genetic Counselling at UTS

- Two year full time degree
- First cohort starting in February 2019
- Delivery:
  - on campus blocks
  - weekly live and online classes
  - interactive online learning
Graduate Attributes

• Practice ready
• Culturally competent
• Person-centred
• Research-enabled
• Professionally competent
Genetic Counselling > Modules

Get started

Meet the team

What you'll need

Module 1: The present

1.0 Overview: The present

1.1 What do you think genetic counselling is?

1.2 What is genetic counselling?

1.3 Who are genetic counsellors and what do they do?
To learn more about what genetic counsellors do watch this short video.

While watching the video build a summary of the key points by choosing the correct statements:

**Chose the correct statement from each of the following pairs:**

- Genetic counsellors are specialists in medical genetics who make decisions for you based on genetic test results.
- Genetic counsellors are specialised in both medical genetics and counselling.
Master of Genetic Counselling at UTS

• Eight coursework subjects
  – Four Counselling, Communication and Genetic Counselling
  – Three Genetics and Genomics
  – One Professional Practice
• Four research subjects
• Four clinical placement subjects
Community Placements

- Purpose - insight into lived experience of inherited conditions
- Out and About in Your Community
- Meet the Experts