



Genetic Counseling Program

XAVIER UNIVERSITY *of* LOUISIANA

July, 2026	Program Registration: Registration emails for participation in the Genetic Counseling Admissions (GC Admissions) Match are sent to Program Directors, who must complete the online registration process using the NMS Match System.
September 8, 2026	Genetic Counseling Applications OPEN at Xavier University of Louisiana, https://gradapply.xula.edu/apply/ By this date, a list of programs participating in the Match (directory/participating-programs.html) is available on this website.
September 9, 2026	By this date, a list of programs participating in the Match is available on this website. Applicant Registration: Match registration opens for applicants. Before registering, applicants should review the information in the Applicant Registration section of the Match website. Applicants must apply to programs independently of the Match. Application deadlines for programs vary; therefore, applicants should check with programs directly regarding their application requirements and deadline dates. *The Match Fee Waiver application goes live through October 2, 2026. Click on the link for the application: Applicants Register. See below for more information.
December 9, 2026	By this date, a list of registered applicants is available in the NMS Match System for Program Directors to verify the Match Code Numbers of their applicants. The list will be updated as new applicants register for the Match. Applicants must be registered for the Match for their application to be considered by participating programs.
January 15, 2027	Xavier University of Louisiana application submission deadline.
March 22, 2027	Rankings Open: Applicants and programs may begin to submit Rank Order Lists for the Match using the NMS Match System.



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April 6, 2027	Rank Order List Deadline: Final date for submission of applicant and program Rank Order Lists. No Rank Order Lists, applicant or program registrations, or withdrawals can be submitted in the NMS Match System after 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.
April 14, 2027	Match Results Day: The results of the Match are released to applicants and programs. No action to fill positions remaining unfilled after the Match is to be taken before 12:00 p.m. noon Eastern Time. Programs must send letters of confirmation to their matched applicants within 10 working days of the release of the results. Matched applicants must return the letter in accordance with the program's instructions within 17 working days of the release of the Match results, not later than May 7, 2027.
April 14- May 31, 2027	Post-Match Process: Following release of the Match results, unmatched applicants are permitted to seek positions and programs are permitted to fill positions that remain available independently of the Match.
May 31, 2027	NMS Match System Closes: After this date, information regarding the results of the Match for applicants and programs, as well as lists of unfilled positions and unmatched applicants, will no longer be available.

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*GCEA has established a waiver for the \$100 fee associated with the NMS Match. Prospective students who demonstrate financial need AND have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater can apply for a match fee waiver. Prospective students should apply for a fee waiver BEFORE registering for an NMS number. **Match fee waivers cannot be awarded to applicants who have already registered for the Match and paid the registration fee.**

Applications for the match fee waiver are due by **October 2, 2026**. Applicants will be notified by October 30, 2026 as to whether they have received a waiver. There are a limited number of waivers, so not all applicants will receive a waiver. Instructions for how to register for the NMS match will be provided to those who receive a waiver.

Waivers are non-transferable to future match cycles or other prospective students. Prospective students who are applying for a match fee waiver will be required to write a short essay and to upload at least one of the following documents demonstrating financial need:

1. A copy of a letter verifying unemployment benefits received within the past two years.
2. A copy of a letter on official letterhead from a government agency verifying that you or your family have qualified for public assistance based on low income criteria anytime within the past 5 years
3. A copy of your financial aid award letter from another / previous institution dated within 5 the past years
4. A copy of your approved GRE fee waiver (for tests taken within 5 years of the application deadline)
5. A copy of your federal Student Aid Report (SAR) that verifies you qualified for financial aid within the past 5 years based on a family contribution of:
 - Not more than \$1,500 if the student is a dependent student
 - Not more than \$1,900 if the student is an independent student

To apply, click here: <https://natmatch.com/gcadmissions/applicants/register.html>

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Please direct any questions about the Match Fee Waiver process or requirements to gcmatchwaivers@educategc.org."