

Optional Clinical Internship at Mayo Clinic

The University of Minnesota Graduate Program in Genetic Counseling offers an optional second-year clinical internship in collaboration with the Clinical Genomics Department at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. The internship will include three core clinical rotations completed exclusively at Mayo Clinic and optional specialty clinics to be completed at Mayo or elsewhere. These rotations start in the summer following the first academic year and continue through the second academic year, spanning one calendar year. This option is open to a limited number of students enrolled in the Genetic Counseling Graduate Program of Study.

Everyone, including students who select this option, will complete the first two semesters of study (classes, labs and clinical observations) in the Twin Cities and greater metropolitan area. Starting in the summer following the second semester of the first year, students in the Mayo internship will begin their clinical training exclusively at Mayo Clinic. Mayo Clinic offers all of the same required areas of focus (Prenatal, General Genetics, Cancer Genetics) and a variety of specialty clinics (a few examples: Neurofibromatosis, Cardiology, ALS). One day each week of the final two semesters, students must commute to complete their requisite academic classes at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities Campus. In addition, during the second year, students in this option will work with a supervisor at Mayo Clinic and their advisor on their Master's project.

Important points:

1. Prospective students interested in this option will interview with Mayo Clinic faculty as well as with the faculty at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.
2. Students must be able to travel between Mayo Clinic in Rochester and the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities. This is about a 1.5-hour drive each way. Students will need to make this commute at least once each week during the second academic year in order to complete academic coursework.
3. This option may add to the cost of the program with respect to travel/housing expenses. However, housing in Rochester might add up to a cost savings.
4. The Mayo clinical internship is limited to 2 students.
5. In rare instances, changes to the rotation schedule may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances. If necessary, these changes will be facilitated with the student and the program director to ensure that the student continues to obtain excellent clinical training.