

**CAGC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020/2021**

The CAGC membership year covers the period from July 1 to June 30 of the year that dues are paid. Annual membership renewal takes place July 6, 2020. Please note there are no pro-rated rates for membership dues.

If you are already a current CAGC member looking to renew please use the 2020/2021 Membership Renewal form.

If you are a current Student member upgrading to Full member status please contact the CAGC Administrative office at [cagcoffice@cagc-accg.ca](mailto:cagcoffice@cagc-accg.ca) further instruction.

In accordance with Article 11 of the By-Laws of the Association, the following amounts have been approved as the 2020/2021 membership fees:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | **On or before July 20, 2020** | **After July 20, 2020** |
| **Full** | **$150** | **$150** |
| **Associate** | **$150** | **$150** |
| **Student** | **$40** | **$40** |
| **Emeritus** | **$65** | **$65** |

If you would prefer to pay by credit card [click here](https://www.cagc-accg.ca/?page=143) to apply online.

**Excerpt from the By-Laws of the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors:**

3.Membership in the Corporation shall be limited to persons interested in furthering the objects of the Corporation and shall include those persons whose application for admission as a member has received the approval of the board of directors of the Corporation (the "Board") in accordance with the rules for membership as adopted by the Board from time to time. Membership in the Corporation is restricted to the following classes: (1) Full Members; (2) Associate Members; (3) Student Members; and (4) Emeritus Members

herein to be known as a "member" or "members".

4. Full Members: Full Members shall include those individuals whom the Board has admitted to the membership of the Corporation from time to time. The following persons are eligible for full membership in the Corporation: (i) any person who holds a Diploma, Master's or Ph.D. degree in human genetics from a program established for the training of genetic counsellors and/or genetic associates, or (ii) any person who is a Canadian certified genetic counsellor or holds an equivalent qualification from a recognized genetic counselling certification body, or (iii) prior to <October 11, 2018> was a Registered Nurse, achieved a Bachelor's, Master's or Ph.D. degree in a related field such as nursing, social work or public health and whose primary responsibility has been providing genetic counselling in a medical setting or in a setting otherwise approved by the membership committee. Full members in good standing shall be entitled to notice of and may attend all meetings of members, vote, hold office, and serve on the Board, committees, as a regional representative and as editor of the Corporation's newsletter.

5. Associate Members: Associate Members shall include (i) applicants who are physicians and whose interests focus on genetic counselling and (ii) applicants whose interests focus on genetic counselling and who are not eligible for or who do not desire full membership or student membership. Associate members have all privileges of full members except they may not vote, or serve on the Board, or as Chairperson of a committee.

6. Student Members: Student Membership shall be extended to bona fide students in a post-secondary institution. Student members shall have all the privileges of associate membership with the following exceptions: (i) they may elect a colleague into the position of Student Representative and (ii) they may serve on the Board of Directors in the capacity of Student Representative, if they are a student of a genetic counselling Master’s program. Both first- and second-year students are eligible to serve as the Student Representative. Second-year students who graduate during their term as Student Representative complete their term as Student Representative. Full/Associate members who return to school full-time to pursue additional education may renew their membership as a student member, provided they are active students at the time of membership renewal.

7. Emeritus Members: Emeritus Members shall include those members upon whom the Board has conferred an honorary membership and shall entitle the Emeritus Member to such privileges and benefits as shall be determined by the Board. Subject to the By-laws herein and the Letters Patent of the Corporation, emeritus memberships shall terminate upon the member's death or upon the expiry of the period of membership where applicable. Emeritus Members shall have all privileges of the Associates Members.

**CAGC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020/2021**

Please note that your contact information will appear in the CAGC Membership Directory which is located in the Member-only area of our website. Please provide the information as you would like it to appear in the directory.

**Applicant’s Name:**

**Address:**

**Phone: Email:**

**Category of membership** (please check one): **Full\_\_\_\_ Associate\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student\_\_\_\_\_\_ Emeritus\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Educational background, including current degrees** (provide details, e.g., MSc in Genetic Counselling, RN, BSc):

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Diploma/Degree** | **Year Graduated** | **Institution** |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

**Present position:** (indicate employer, title, number of hours worked per week & number of years in position)

|  |
| --- |
|  |

**Languages:**

Please list any languages spoken fluently:

I am able to provide genetic counselling in French? **Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

French language translation services are available at the clinic where I work? **Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

**Relevant work experience:** (specify full time or part time & number of years)

|  |
| --- |
|  |

**Other relevant education or training:**

|  |
| --- |
|  |

In what areas do you practice (check all that apply):

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cancer |  | Metabolics |  | Pediatric |  |
| Cardiogenetics |  | Neurogenetics |  | Prenatal |  |
| Infertility/ART |  | Newborn Screening |  | Psychiatric genetics |  |
| Laboratory |  | Ocular Genetics |  | Genetic Counselors in non-clinical role |  |
| Other (indicate) |  | | | | |

Would you be willing to be contacted by the Board of Directors with questions related to your area(s) of practice?

**Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_**

If yes, which areas of practice?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cancer |  | Metabolics |  | Pediatric |  |
| Cardiogenetics |  | Neurogenetics |  | Prenatal |  |
| Infertility/ART |  | Newborn Screening |  | Psychiatric genetics |  |
| Laboratory |  | Ocular Genetics |  | Genetic Counselors in non-clinical role |  |
| Other (indicate) |  | | | | |

**Communities of Practice**

The CAGC Board of Directors (BoD) has developed Communities of Practice with the idea of connecting counsellors with expertise in a given area to act as a network across the country and as a resource to one another. The CAGC BoD may ask a CoP to undertake a project of value to the entire CAGC membership (e.g., patient education materials, practice guidelines). Alternatively, a CoP can initiate such a project themselves. There is no obligation to participate in projects as a member of a CoP.

If you are interested in joining any of the CoPs, please contact the leaders directly by email.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **CoP** | **Lead(s)** | **Email** |
| **Cancer** | Jeanna McCuaig | jeanna.mccuaig@uhn.ca |
| **Neurogenetics** | Claire Goldsmith | goldsmith@cheo.on.ca |
| **Newborn Screening/Metabolics** | Jessica Hartley  Sara Fernandez | jessica.hartley@umanitoba.ca  sara.fernandez@easternhealth.ca |
| **Non-clinical**  (including education, industry and research) | Leichelle Little  Katy Skora | llittle5@uwo.ca  katyskora1@gmail.com |
| **Prenatal** | Hana Sroka | hanaksroka@gmail.com |
| **Psychiatric genetics** | Angela Inglis | angela.inglis@ubc.ca |

**Please make cheques payable to Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors** and mail along with completed member application to the CAGC Administrative Office:

**CAGC Head Office Telephone: (905) 847-1363**

**PO Box 52083 E-mail:** [**cagcoffice@cagc-accg.ca**](mailto:cagcoffice@cagc-accg.ca)

**Oakville, Ontario**

**Canada L6J 7N5**

Once a completed application is received by Head Office, including full payment, the application will be considered by the CAGC Membership Committee. Subsequent decision letters will be sent to applicants by email.