

## Chapter Gen Couns 1

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**Gen Couns 1.01 Authority.** The rules in chs. [Gen Couns 1](#) to [4](#) are adopted by the board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. [15.85 \(5\) \(b\)](#), [448.9703](#), and [448.9705 \(1\)](#), Stats.

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**Gen Couns 1.02 Adoption of standards.** (1) The National Society of Genetic Counselors code of ethics, issued in April 2017, is incorporated by reference into chs. [Gen Couns 1](#) to [4](#).

**Note:** Copies of the above standards are on file in the office of the department and the legislative reference bureau. A copy of the National Society of Genetic Counselors code of ethics can be retrieved from: <https://nsgc.org>.

(2) Pursuant to s. [448.9707 \(2\) \(h\)](#), Stats., failure to comply with the National Society of Genetic Counselors code of ethics may result in discipline by the board.

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**Gen Couns 1.03 Definitions.** As used in chs. [Gen Couns 1](#) to [4](#):

(1) “Board” means the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board.

(2) “Consulting services” means services provided to a patient on a temporary basis by an unlicensed person or person who is licensed in another state or country in consultation with a Wisconsin licensed genetic counselor or physician.

(3) “Department” means the department of safety and professional services.

(4) “Genetic counseling” has the meaning given in s. [448.970 \(3\)](#), Stats.

(5) “Genetic counselor” means an individual who is licensed by the board to practice genetic counseling.

(6) “Temporary basis” means 3 months from the date notification is submitted to the board. After those 3 months, regular licensure is required.

**Note:** The definition above does not apply to those individuals who hold a temporary license under s. [448.9705](#), Stats.

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