

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, B.S.)

Overview

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The School of Nursing and Health Professions offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management (HIM). The Bachelor of Science in HIM is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Graduates from CAHIIM accredited baccalaureate degree programs can take the Registered Health Information Administration (RHIA) exam.

What can I do with a Health Information Management Degree?

Health Information Management coursework prepares confident, innovative, and contributing healthcare professionals who have the ability to identify and utilize a variety of information resources and technologies. HIM professions work across a vast array of roles ranging from analytical to project management to healthcare system management and information governance roles. The baccalaureate degree health information management graduate serves as a pivotal team member in the planning, design, implementation, management, use and evaluation of electronic health records and other electronic information systems. Job responsibilities also include serving as brokers of information services. Among the information services provided are definition of requirements and design for clinical and administrative systems development, data administration, clinical data management, data privacy and security management, decision support and data analysis, management of information-intensive areas such as quality/performance improvement, case management and outcomes measurement as well as management of the health information management departmental services. Baccalaureate degree graduates may hold positions as compliance officer, data quality manager, data sets/nomenclature/classification standards manager, educator, healthcare consumer advocate, privacy/security officer, project manager, reimbursement or revenue cycle manager to name a few.

Practical Experience/Internship

Students gain both theoretical knowledge, and practical experience in healthcare settings to prepare them to respond to the challenge of working in health informatics and health information management. Students should be aware that some courses involve professional practice experiences for a significant number of hours. Because these experiences are usually only available during typical working hours, working students must make arrangements to be absent from their work. Students work closely with their advisors since many of the courses have prerequisites and must be taken in sequence. Some professional management experience sites may require criminal background checks, current medical history, proof of liability insurance, and proof of negative TB tests. Students will be required to travel and may be required to temporarily relocate in order to complete the practical experience.

Working students may have to make arrangements to be absent from their work in order to complete class requirements.

Classes are offered in a variety of settings, including web-based learning management system, face to face, and a hybrid method. All HIM core classes are web-based.

Requirements

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Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Studies		
Students must complete General Studies courses (http://catalog.missouriwestern.edu/undergraduate/university-information/academic-standards-regulations/baccalaureate-degree/#bachelor-general-studies)		42
Major Requirements		
HIF 132	Pharmacology	2
HIF 200	Health Care Delivery Systems	3
HIF 300	Health Data Management	3
HIF 310	Clinical Classification Systems	3
HIF 320	Information Technology and Systems	3
HIF 330	Legal and Ethical Aspects of Healthcare Management	3
HIF 350	Quality Management	3
HIF 371	Professional Management Experience I	2
HIF 379	Revenue Cycle and Reimbursement Management	3
HIF 410	Human Resources and Operations Management	3
HIF 420	Clinical Data Management	3
HIF 430	Applied Health Informatics	3
HIF 440	Financial and Resource Management	3
HIF 460	Applied Research	3
HIF 465	Professional Management Experience II	3
HIF 470	Senior Seminar	1
ACC 201	Introductory Financial Accounting	3
ACT 201	Microcomputer Applications	3
ACT 301	Applied Database Systems	3
ALH 106	Medical Terminology	2
BIO 101	Principles of Biology	4
BIO 250	Anatomy and Physiology	5
BIO 375	Pathophysiology	4
MGT 350	Organizational Behavior	3
NUR 314	Quantitative Analysis for Health Care Research	3
or PSY 300	Introductory Psychological Statistics	

1. Earn a grade of C or higher in all major coursework.
2. Earn an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and a major GPA of at least 2.0.

University Graduation Requirements

1. Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours (100 level and higher, maximum of 6 CED credit hours applicable).
2. Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in upper-division courses.
Lower-division transfer courses accepted as meeting upper-division departmental course requirements cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.
3. Earn 30 of the last 45 credit hours at MWSU in institutional coursework (exclusive of credit by examination).
4. Participate in required departmental and campus wide assessments.
5. Fulfill the Missouri Constitution requirement.
6. Successfully pass the Missouri Higher Education Civics Achievement exam.