HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Health Information Management is a unique undergraduate program for students interested in the study of medical sciences, information technology, legal concepts and healthcare management. Department and adjunct faculty, who are professionals in the health information management field, prepare the graduate to take the nationally recognized credentialing examination offered by the American Health Information Management Association. These graduates are primed for a tremendous variety of rapidly growing employment opportunities in all venues of the health care industry. These opportunities include but are not limited to working with healthcare organizational leadership to optimize the use of patient and organizational data in meaningful ways and to make decisions concerning quality of care, patient safety, and organizational operations; working with patients and families to understand their health information and develop their personal health record; and working with healthcare providers to optimize their use of technology to manage their data and operational needs.

DEGREES OFFERED

- Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

The program in Health Information Management offers several curricular options to allow the student to create a specific concentration that will complement their health information management foundation. These curricular patterns include a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management with a minor in:
  - Business Administration
  - Information Technology Management
  - Legal Studies, or several other minors are available

Information in healthcare is now a tremendously valuable asset to both administrators and clinicians. The health information management program can also establish a strong foundation for students interested in pursuing:
  - Pre-medicine, pre-dental, pre-optometry
  - Pre-physician assistant degrees

Many program graduates also pursue advanced degrees in:
  - Business Administration
  - Health Administration
  - Health Data Science
  - Health Informatics
  - Law
  - Medicine
  - Public Health

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Information drives the healthcare industry. A career in health information management can offer the graduate tremendous and diverse opportunities to make an impact and improve the healthcare delivered throughout the industry. Whether building, managing or searching medical databases for the latest treatments, assessing the quality of care provided to patients, managing healthcare costs or influencing legislative issues, health information management is at the heart of healthcare.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of health services managers is expected to have faster than average growth through the year 2022. Employment opportunities include:
  - Hospitals
  - Ambulatory care clinics
  - Physician practices
  - Information system companies
  - Long-term care facilities
  - Home health care
  - Governmental agencies
  - Insurance companies
  - Managed care
  - Mental and behavioral health facilities
  - Law firms
  - Healthcare consulting
  - Healthcare companies
  - Research associate
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
• High School diploma or acceptable score on the General Education Development Test (GED)
• Minimum cumulative GPA 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
• Minimum ACT score of 20
• High school or college entry-level biology and computer literacy is recommended

STUDENT ACTIVITY
Students are encouraged to participate in the Health Information Management Student Organization. All Health Information Management majors are automatically members of the organization. The mission of this organization is to:
• Further professional knowledge and effectiveness by interacting with health information professionals
• Provide opportunities for sociability and collegiality among students

EARNINGS POTENTIAL
• HIM graduates entry level salary: $30,000-$50,000
• After 5 years experience: $50,000-$70,000+

WHY CHOOSE SLU?
• HIM students have the opportunity to interact with others majoring in medicine, physical therapy, physician assistant education, occupational therapy, nuclear medicine, nutrition and dietetics, biomedical laboratory science and numerous health care professions
• Curriculum supports entry-level professional responsibilities expected of a new graduate
• Graduates are qualified to sit for the Registered Health Information Administrator national credentialing examination

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