

DEGREE(S)

- + Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Information Management
- + Accelerated Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Health Information Management

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Health information management (HIM) is a unique undergraduate program for students interested in the study of medical sciences, information technology, legal concepts and health management. Health information management professionals are recognized experts in clinical and health care operational data. The health care industry relies on these professionals to manage, analyze, integrate, and secure this tremendously valuable asset. This information is changing the future of health care.

The HIM program offers several curricular options to allow the student to create a specific concentration to complement their health information management foundation. These emphases could include a minor in business administration, information technology management or legal studies. Information in health care is now a tremendously valuable asset to both administrator 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 graduate degrees in:

- + Business administration
- + Health administration
- + Health data science
- + Health informatics
- + Law
- + Medicine
- + Public health

Students are encouraged to participate in the HIM Student Organization. All health information management majors are automatically members of the organization. The mission of this organization is to:

- + Provide opportunities for students to network with working professionals
- + Explore the many opportunities available to health information management professionals

In addition to the traditional four-year degree, the department also offers an accelerated B.S. in health information management for students who already possess a bachelor's degree.

ABOUT THE FACULTY

The faculty in the health information management program are committed to education excellence. The goal of the program is to help all students excel in their studies and exceed expectation. Both faculty 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. The faculty shares the Jesuit mission of educating the whole person.

CURRICULUM

The Doisy College of Health Sciences is located within the Allied Health Professions building on SLU's Medical Center, so HIM students have the opportunity to interact with others majoring in numerous health care professions, including medicine, physical therapy, physician assistant education, occupational therapy, nuclear medicine, nutrition and dietetics, and biomedical laboratory science.

Information technology is integrated throughout the curriculum, providing students with hands on exposure and experience with common systems utilized in the health care industry. Use of an educational-based electronic health record, encoding system and statistical software comprise just some of the systems students use in the program.

The college has affiliations with more than 50 clinical sites for students to complete their professional practice experience. Each student will complete a project based professional practice experience in their last year of study. The program prepares the student for many exciting job opportunities such as:

- + Electronic health record analysts
- + Patient data integrity coordinators
- + Clinical data analysts
- + Consultant
- + Revenue cycle application analysts
- + Quality assurance analysts
- + Coding and compliance specialists

Students are qualified to sit for the Registered Health Information Administrator national credentialing examination.

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Graduate Programs

+ Master of Science (M.S.) in Health Informatics
For a full listing of programs, visit graduate.slu.edu

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission consideration for the health information management program is initially based on a strong overall academic background.

Admission criteria include:

- + High School diploma or acceptable score on the General Educational Development Test (GED)
- + Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- + Minimum ACT score of 20

Transfer applicants are encouraged to meet with the chairman of the health information management program for evaluation of their transcript. A 2.5 cumulative GPA is required along with a demonstrated aptitude in business, science and information systems coursework.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- + Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need. In addition to University scholarships, the Doisy College of Health Sciences Alumni Association offers a scholarship to sophomores, juniors and seniors.
- + Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

- + Our HIM program is located in the Doisy College of Health Sciences on the SLU Medical Campus. As such, students from all health care disciplines have the opportunity to learn together and work together just as they will in the health care industry.
- + Our health information management students have the ability to network with our numerous alumni both locally and nationally.
- + Flexible curricular tracks are available for students that wish to specialize.
- + Students can integrate a semester abroad into the health information management curricular pattern.

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

- + According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of health services manager is expected to have faster than average growth through 2022.
- + In 2012, US News & World Reports ranked health informatics and information management as one of the top nine new majors in the country.
- + In 2015, Global Knowledge listed the RHIA credential as one of the top IT and business certification worth having.

Employment opportunities for HIM graduates include:

- + Ambulatory care clinics
- + Governmental agencies
- + Health care companies
- + Health care consulting
- + Home health care
- + Hospitals
- + Information system companies
- + Insurance companies
- + Law firms
- + Managed and long-term care facilities
- + Mental and behavioral health facilities
- + Physician practices
- + Research associate

Health information management graduates are primed for a tremendous variety of rapidly growing employment opportunities in all venues of the health care industry. Typical earnings for health information management professional range from about \$35,000 to \$130,000 and above. Salaries are generally higher for graduates working in sales or consulting, and second baccalaureate graduates may have a slightly higher salary range depending on their previous work experience and degree.

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