



INDIANA UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

COLLEGE OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

B.S. IN HEALTH INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

The Bachelor of Science in Health Information Administration degree program provides students with instruction in the management of health information and informatics in the healthcare setting.

Health information management (HIM) professionals manage healthcare data and information resources. The profession encompasses planning, collecting, analyzing, and disseminating individual patient and aggregate clinical data, administering healthcare information systems, and using classification systems.

A career in health information administration combines the disciplines of medicine, information management, computer technology, finance, and law within the healthcare industry.

The registered health information administrator (RHIA) brings a unique skillset to the healthcare industry. These skills include the ability to manage electronic health records; manage clinical workflow; improve the quality and uses of data within the healthcare industry; protect the privacy and security of patient health information; and analyze information for reimbursement and research.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Completion of a B.S. in health information administration requires 123 credit hours.

COURSEWORK

Select health information administration coursework:

- Coding & Classification Systems
- Reimbursement Principles in Healthcare
- Computer Systems in Healthcare
- Health Record Law and Ethics
- Healthcare Quality and Information Management
- Healthcare Data Management
- Finance and Budgeting for HIM
- Research Principles in HIM
- Professional Practice Experiences (providing the student with real-world experiences in HIM)

Students should consult with the department and their advisor for additional information concerning prerequisites, course content and academic counseling.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Faculty members are extensively involved in the HIM profession at the state and national level, with significant experience in the profession. Faculty members are up to speed in the cutting edge professional issues of the day, including ICD-10-CM/PCS, the electronic health record, and legal and privacy issues.

Students receive experience using the Virtual Lab of the HIM profession, offered by the national professional association, the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

Mandatory continuing education is required in the profession and the student will be exposed to the numerous ways of obtaining that continuing education while in the program.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN HEALTH INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION?

Registered health information administrators are employed by hospitals, ambulatory and long-term care facilities, clinics, physicians' offices, outsourcing companies, system vendors, insurance companies, law firms, and government agencies, among others.

Job opportunities include such positions as health information department managers, revenue cycle coordinators, quality managers, project managers, and many others.

Graduates of the program are eligible to take the RHIA exam, offered through the AHIMA. Career opportunities are plentiful nationwide as this professional designation enables employment in any state.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

There are many settings in which HIM students can apply their learned skills in a real-world setting. IU Northwest students participate in one three-week professional practice experience, which can take place in an HIM-business near their hometown.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Students are invited to become members of the AHIMA. The Northern Indiana Health Information Management Association invites students to become active volunteers, as well.

RELATED DEGREE OPTIONS

- Minor in Computer Information Systems
- Minor in Health Services Administration
- Two-Year Online B.S. Transitional Program (for those who already hold the Registered Health Information Technician credential)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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