

Health Information Management • Bachelor of Science

Why Choose Health Information Management?

As the health care industry continues to grow and expand, the demand for health information managers also increases. Employment is expected to grow faster than average through the year 2010 because of rapid changes in health care regulations that require individuals skilled in the interpretation of health data. Individuals with an interest in computers, health care and business will find that health information management is a challenging and fulfilling career option. Many graduates are employed in hospitals, but job growth is projected to be greatest in physicians' offices and clinics, nursing homes and home health agencies.

In addition to the on-campus program, courses are offered at off-campus sites (Garden City and Grand Rapids). In the off-campus program, students are required to complete professional and allied health core courses through Ferris. General education and support courses can be taken at another college or university and transferred to Ferris in fulfillment of graduation requirements. A minimum of 30 semester credit hours must be earned at Ferris in order for the degree to be granted.

At the end of the program, the student is eligible to apply to write the national certification examination to earn the designation of Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA). The Health Information Management program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

Get a Great Job

Health Information Managers have the skills and abilities to accept supervisory positions in health care facilities. They may decide to do the same kind of work as the health information technician or supervise the daily routine of the medical record department, working with the employees to make sure that procedures are carried out correctly. They may be responsible for training employees or evaluating their performance. Other health information managers work as private consultants, or work with various individuals in the health care setting to plan, assure that the facility meets accreditation requirements or serve as coordinators between other departments that deal with health information.

Earnings of health information managers vary by type and size of facility, level of responsibility and geographic region. The median salary ranges between \$32,000 and \$42,000. Graduates of the program are immediately employable in a variety of health care settings.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission to the Health Information Management program must have a 2.5 GPA in high school or college work.

Graduation Requirements

The Health Information Management program at Ferris leads to a bachelor of science degree. Graduation requires a minimum 2.0 GPA overall. Students must earn a 'C' grade or better in major and core courses and meet all general education requirements as outlined on the General Education website. MATH 115 proficiency or ACT math subscore of 24 or higher is required for graduation. Graduates may decide to enroll in graduate school.

Required Courses

		Credit Hours
General Education		
BIOL 109	Basic Human Anatomy-Physiology	4
ENGL 150	English 1	3
ENGL 250	English 2	3
ENGL 321	Advanced Composition	3
Choose one:		
COMM 105	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 221	Small Group Decision Making	3
	Scientific Understanding	3
Core		
ACCT 201	Principles of Accounting 1	3
CAHS 300		3
CCHS 101	Orientation-Health Care	3
CCHS 102	Safety Issues-Health Care	1
ISYS 200	Database Design-Implementation	3
MGMT 301	Applied Management	3
MRIS 103	Medical Terminology	4
Major		
EHSM 315	Epidemiology - Statistics	3
HCSA 202	Health Care Law	3
HCSA 335	Supervisory Prac HC Workers	4
HCSA 345	Internship Orientation	1
HCSA 401	Financial Concepts in HC	4
HCSA 474	Planning-Promotion in HC	4
MRIS 101	Intro to Health Info Systems	4
MRIS 122	Health Info Systems 1	3
MRIS 123	Health Informat Systems 1 Lab	2
MRIS 204	ICD Coding	4
MRIS 209	Quality Mgmt in Health Care	3
MRIS 210	Fundamentals Disease Processes	3
MRIS 211	CPT Coding	3
MRIS 228	Intro Med Billing-Reimburse	3
MRIS 293	Professional Practice 1	6
MRIS 402	Health Infor Management Prin	3
MRIS 404	Research in Health Infor Mgmt	2
MRIS 461	Health Infor Management Review	1
MRIS 493	Professional Practice 2	10
Minimum credit hours required for B.S. degree:		129



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