HEALTH INFORMATION management

Why choose health information management at WSU?

- More than 90 percent of program graduates pass national exams the first time.
- All Health Information Management programs offered at WSU are accredited or certified by their respective professional organizations.
- Ninety-five percent of health information management and health information technology students become credentialed professionals and are placed in a career upon graduation.

What will I learn in the program?

Students with a BS degree develop a background in information systems technologies and their application to the provision of health care, advanced statistical procedures and management applicable to information systems, human resources and quality improvement in health care. AAS degree graduates learn technical functions such as coding diseases and operations, releasing medical information appropriately, maintaining statistical measures, using related computer application software and supervising employees.

What degrees are available?

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Administrative Services with a Health Information Management emphasis

Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
- Health Information Technology

Institutional Certificate
- Health Care Coding and Classification

What degrees are offered through distance learning?

The Health Information Management department offers the above degrees through our distance learning program. The courses for these degrees are delivered online and through independent study. Contact the department at 801-626-7242 for more information.

What are the employment opportunities?

Health information management professionals collect, integrate and analyze collections of data and manage information resources related to the research, planning, provision and evaluation of health care services. Health information technicians perform the essential functions of maintaining health data and records in acute, long-term and ambulatory health care settings. Opportunities also exist in related health care settings, e.g., insurance companies, medical clinics, computer software vendors and health maintenance organizations.

What are starting salaries of graduates?

The average starting salary of bachelor’s degree graduates is $40,700 and associate degree graduates is $33,200 in Utah. This may vary depending on the region, workplace and skill level.

Is there an application deadline?

The deadlines vary according to the program in which you enroll. Contact the department for specific deadline dates.

Where can I find out more about the programs?

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Institutional Certificate, Health Care Coding and Classification
Based on the feedback from students who have completed the health care coding program, we recommend the following schedule. Of course, you can also take the courses and complete the certificate using a schedule customized to your needs. You may start classes any semester (fall, spring or summer).

Prerequisites (6)
- HTHS 1101*  Medical Terminology (2)
- HTHS 1110*  Biomedical Core I or a course in human anatomy (4)

First Semester
- HTHS 1111*  Biomedical Core II or a course in human physiology (4)
- HTHS 2240  Introduction to Pharmacology (3)

Second Semester
- HTHS 2230  Introduction to Pathophysiology (3)
- HIM 2300  Diagnosis Coding (3)

Third Semester
- HIM 2320  Ambulatory & Physician Office Coding (3)
- HIM 2330  Classification Systems Topics & Reimbursement (2)

Courses indicated with a * are available via WSU Online. Courses indicated with a † are Independent Study. *May be transferred with a "C" grade or better from another institution.

AAS Degree, Health Information Technology
Prerequisite Courses (6)
- HTHS 1101*  Medical Terminology (2)
- HTHS 1110*  Biomedical Core I (4)

Required Courses
Biomedical Core Requirements (28 credit hours)
- HIM 2000  Introduction to Health Information Systems and Settings (4)
- HIM 2200  Health Care Statistics and Privacy (3)
- HIM 2300  Diagnosis Coding (3)
- HIM 2320  Ambulatory & Physician Office Coding (3)
- HIM 2330  Classification Systems Topics & Reimbursement Issues (2)
- HIM 2500  Health Care Database Management and Security (3)
- HIM 2861  (2nd Year) Professional Practice Experience I (2)
- HIM 2862  (2nd Year) Professional Practice Experience II (2)
- HIM 3000  Computer Applications (3)
- HIM 3300  Introduction to Quality Improvement (3)

Support Courses Required (18-20 credit hours)
- HTHS 1111  Biomedical Core II (4)
- HTHS 2233  Intro to Pathophysiology (3)
- HTHS 2240/ 3240  Intro to Pharmacology (3)
- HAS 3000  The Health Care System (3)

BS in Health Administrative Services*
Health Information Management emphasis
Prerequisite: Previous completion of Health Information Technology program or equivalent curriculum

Required Courses (32-33 credit hours)
- HIM 31200  Epidemiology & Biostatistics (3)
- HIM 3400  Health Care Networks & Databases (3)
- HIM 3450  Health Care Systems Analysis & Design (3)
- HIM 3500  Biomedical Research Support (2)
- HIM 4100  Health Information Services Management (3)
- HAS 3020  Health Care Marketing (3)
- HAS 3230  Health Communication (3)
- HAS 3240  Human Resource Development in Health Care (3)
- HAS 3260  Health Care Administrative & Supervisory Theory (3)
- HAS 3750  Health Care Financial Administration (3)

- HAS 4860  Practicum/Internship (4)
- HIM 4990  Baccalaureate Thesis & Presentation (3)

Support Courses Required (7 credit hours)
- IS&T 2101  Business Computer Skills (1)
- IS&T 3110  Information Technology for Business (3)
- ACTG 2101  Survey of Accounting I (3)

*One of the few BS programs in the western United States

Degree Requirements
General education requirements vary and are specified by each program. Students should consult with an advisor before selecting educational courses.

For more information on general education requirements, visit our Web site at www.weber.edu

The Health Information Management and Technology programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

This is a sample of course requirements but not an academic contract with the specific department. Curriculum and program requirements are subject to change without notification.

If you have a record of convicted criminal actions, it may affect your ability to complete the Health Information Technology or Health Information Management programs. Additionally, all applicants will be required to complete a mandatory drug screening prior to placement in professional practice experience sites. If a background check reveals a history of convicted criminal actions or the drug screen reveals the presence of a non-prescribed controlled substance, then you may be unable to complete the program and will not be entitled to any refunds of tuition dollars or other fees.

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