

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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The mission of the Department of Health Information Management (HIM) at Texas State is to educate and prepare professionals with knowledge needed to ensure accessibility, accuracy, availability, integrity, and security of patient health information.

The vision of the Department of Health Information Management is to be recognized internationally as a quality producer of health information management professionals equipped with the attitudes and principles that encourage lifelong learning and ethical behavior in a rapidly evolving profession.

Health information management improves the quality of health care by ensuring that the best information is available to make any healthcare decision. HIM professionals manage healthcare data and information resources. The profession encompasses services in planning, collecting, aggregating, analyzing, and disseminating individual patient and aggregate clinical data. It serves the healthcare industry including: patient care organizations, payers, research and policy agencies, and other healthcare related industries.

Projected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to be one of the 15 fastest growing occupations in the United States, HIM is an excellent career choice for the person who is seeking a healthcare profession that combines interest in computer sciences, business, management, legal procedures, and healthcare research. HIM professionals play a key role in making the healthcare system work. They perform the data collection and analysis that doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals need to provide quality patient care.

HIM graduates work in a broad range of settings that span the continuum of healthcare, including office-based physician practices, nursing homes, home health agencies, mental health facilities, and public health agencies. The growth of managed care has created additional job opportunities in HMOs, PPOs, and insurance companies.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education. Upon completion of the degree, graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the RHIA (Registered Health Information Administrator) examination offered by the American Health Information Management Association.

Immunization Requirements

It is the policy of the College of Health Professions that each student must provide a health report completed by a physician or licensed healthcare provider and must take specific immunizations before the student can be placed in a clinical or internship assignment. Information on these requirements and the required forms may be obtained through the department office.

Background Check and Drug Screening

As a condition for placement in professional practice sites, students may be required to have a background check and/or drug screening and/or

meet other specific requirements as set by individual sites. Information on these requirements may be obtained from the department.

Master of Health Information Management (M.H.I.M.)

- Major in Health Information Management (Non-thesis Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/information-management/masters-health-information-management-mhim>)
- Major in Health Information Management (Thesis Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/information-management/masters-health-information-management-thesis-mhim>)