MANAGE INFORMATION IN TODAY’S DYNAMIC HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY

The field of health care is undergoing dramatic changes that involve the integration of technology into patient care. Purdue University Global’s bachelor’s degree program prepares you to meet the growing demand for health information management (HIM) professionals with specialized skills in collecting, analyzing, and protecting vital patient information. The curriculum intersects medicine, management, finance, information technology, and law—a unique blend that enables graduates to pursue a diverse array of opportunities in a wide variety of health-related settings.
Why Study at Purdue Global’s School of Health Sciences?

**Flexibility for Working Adults**
The program blends online coursework with a professional practice experience.

**Transfer Credits**
Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements to accelerate completion of your degree and save on tuition.¹

**Practical Experience**
Gain on-the-job experience through a professional practice experience at a local hospital or health care facility. In addition, your final capstone course will challenge you to apply what you have learned throughout the program to real-world HIM applications.

**Faculty Expertise**
Learn from experienced professionals currently active in the field. Nearly all faculty possess advanced academic degrees.

**One-on-One Mentoring**
Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

**Introductory Trial Period**
Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That’s the Purdue Global Commitment.²

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NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.³

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Take the Next Step in Your Education and Career

**BUILD THE CORE SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES THAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND**
Advance your career in technology-supported, data-driven settings across the health care industry. Develop the skills to ensure that an organization’s patient data is effectively managed and in regulatory compliance. Program graduates are able to:
- Demonstrate foundational knowledge of the principles of planning, designing, managing, and evaluating electronic information systems.
- Apply research and critical thinking skills to create solutions for health care issues.
- Analyze the forces impacting health care delivery and health information systems.
- Implement best practices in decision-making regarding the management of health information.
- Interpret and apply medical, administrative, ethical, and legal requirements and standards related to health care delivery and the privacy of protected health information.

**ACCELERATE YOUR BACHELOR’S DEGREE**
If you received a CAHIIM-approved Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology, your prior degree could put you on the fast track to your bachelor’s degree. (Prior completion of an associate’s degree is not a prerequisite for the program.)
Curriculum

Coursework focuses on planning, designing, managing, and evaluating electronic health information and data systems. The curriculum is reviewed and revised regularly by industry experts to ensure it reflects the most recent developments in the fast-changing HIM field.

HIM Course Topics Include:

- Diseases of the Human Body
- Automation of Health Information
- Reimbursement Methodologies
- Quality Assurance and Statistics
- Medical Coding
- Health Care Administration
- Health Informatics
- Human Structure and Function
- Information Systems for Health Care
- Management of Health Information
- Strategic Planning and Change Management for Health Care

Capstone Course

The program culminates with the completion of a professional practice experience (PPE) under the mentorship of an onsite preceptor. You’ll have the opportunity to demonstrate your competency by applying what you know to real-world HIM scenarios and activities in an approved health care setting.

During the capstone course, you will also practice and take the RHIA certification exam. The RHIA exam is a graded activity in the capstone course and is required to be taken at no additional charge to the student.

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 180

- Core: 45
- Major: 107
- Electives: 28

Program Length: 2–4 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global bachelor’s degree graduates in 2021-2022 was 2 years.)

Course Load: 2 per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

Delivery: The program blends online coursework and onsite experience. Completion of a 120-hour professional practice experience in a hospital or other health care facility is required to complete the course of study.

Digital Health Professional Certificate

Completion of a five-course series in this program may qualify you to earn the CAHIIM Digital Health Professional Certificate. The Digital Health Professional Certificate Program is in Candidacy Status, pending accreditation review by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

As the health care landscape becomes more complex with technology and data, the demand for highly skilled professionals continues to grow. Obtaining an education in health information management or informatics can help prepare you to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing health care environment”.

Karen Getman MS, RHIA
BSHIM Program Chair

Additional Programs

Bachelor’s Degrees

- Health and Wellness
- Health Care Administration
- Health Education and Promotion
- Health Science
- Nutrition

Master’s Degrees

- Health Care Administration
- Health Education and Promotion
- Health Informatics
- Health Information Management
- Public Health

Doctor of Health Science
Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

• According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of medical and health services managers, a category that includes health information managers, is projected to grow 28% from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations.
• Demand for professionals with knowledge of health information technology will be fueled by the large aging population as well as widespread use of electronic health records (EHRs).

Center for Career Advancement

Our team of Career Specialists helps connect students with job and networking opportunities and offers the following assistance:
• Career assessment/exploration
• Resume and cover letter review
• Interview preparation/mock interviews
• Portfolio development to showcase your skills
• Assistance in building an online presence
• Job search and networking support
• Virtual career fairs
• 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Career Pathways and Outcomes

Roles
• Medical records and health information technician
• Compliance/quality officer
• Medical and health services manager
• Patient information coordinator
• Medical biller
• Billing coder/coding specialist
• Privacy officer/manager
• Data quality manager
• HIM clinical documentation specialist
• EMR manager/consultant

Settings
• Physicians’ offices
• Hospitals
• Health care clinics
• Government agencies
• Software and IT vendor firms
• Insurance providers
• Consulting firms

“Opportunities in health information management professions are endless and offer various opportunities. Our program can help you understand the knowledge and skills requisite to pursue leadership opportunities in health information management.”

Brina Hollis
Faculty Member, School of Health Sciences

Purdue Global Is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

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Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.