



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

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

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

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.)⁴

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).

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



“*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 Chair⁵

Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook⁶

- 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).

Career Pathways and Outcomes⁷

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

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

“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 Sciences⁵

Purdue Global Is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

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

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1 Purdue Global does not guarantee transferability of credit. See the University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment policy.

2 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at Purdue Global will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.

3 Source: www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-public-universities-united-states. Rankings apply to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

4 The average completion time for Purdue Global online bachelor's degree students who graduated in the 2019-2020 academic year was 2.1 years. Source: Purdue Global Office of Reporting and Analysis, July 2020.

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6 U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Medical and Health Services Managers. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

7 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment placement or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment.