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.

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
Why Study At Purdue Global’s School Of Health Sciences?

Flexibility for Working Adults
The program blends online coursework with a professional practice experience. In addition, you can visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

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 project lets you apply what you learn to a challenging, real-world HIM problem or issue.

Faculty Expertise
Learn from experienced professionals currently active in the field. 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

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
- Human Structure and Function
- Information Systems and Technology
- Management of Health Information
- Strategic Planning and Organizational Development

Capstone Project
The program culminates in the successful completion of a practice-focused capstone project, completed under the mentorship of a faculty advisor. You'll have the opportunity to demonstrate your competency by tackling a challenging, real-world HIM problem or issue.

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 2019-2020 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.

Additional Programs
Bachelor’s Degrees
- Health and Wellness
- Health Care Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Health Education and Promotion
- Health Science
- Nutrition

Master’s Degrees
- Health Care Administration
- Health Education
- Health Informatics
- Health Information Management
- Public Health

“A health sciences education offers you the opportunity to gain exposure to a rapidly changing field. We are committed to providing the training and skills to help you begin or advance a career in the health field.”

Dr. Keith L. Smith
Dean, School of Health Sciences

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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 32% from 2020 to 2030, 4 times 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 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

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 Sciences

Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

Military Friendly

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