
Bachelor's of Science Health Information Management

THE SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES AT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Health information management professionals manage health care data and information resources. The profession encompasses services in planning, collecting, aggregating, analyzing, and disseminating individual patient and aggregate clinical data. It serves the health care industry including: patient care organizations, payors, research and policy agencies, and other health care-related industries. The profession addresses the nature, structure, and translation of data in usable forms of information for the advancement of health and health care of individuals and populations.

A degree in Health Information Management will assure you:

- An exciting career with many diverse job opportunities.
- A dynamic job that focuses on collecting, integrating, analyzing, disseminating and managing information resources.
- A career choice that allows you to be a part of a health care team.
- An expertise that makes you the authority on health data and earns you the respect of physicians, nurses, and other health professionals.

Admission Procedures

- Successfully complete general education courses and pre-requisite courses for entering the program. These requirements are listed in the ECU Undergraduate Catalog. All pre-requisite courses require a minimum grade of "C".
- Have a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5. The admission process is competitive; it is to the candidate's advantage to have a higher GPA.
- Admission to East Carolina University. (transfers students only)
- Return the completed admission application packet postmarked by February 16.
- Applicants will be evaluated using the following criteria: GPA, course work completed at ECU, written communication skills measured through response to interest profile, place of residence (in state vs. out-of-state).
- The applicant will be notified of the department's acceptance or rejection prior to pre-registration for summer school and fall semester.
- Return his or her acceptance letter.
- Schedule at least one appointment with a HIMA advisor prior to submitting application if you have not done so previously.

In addition to the general education requirements, students must complete pre-requisite work in other areas such as biology, economics, computer science, statistics, and management.

During the last two years (the professional phase) students complete a course study of automated and manual information systems, medical terminology, medical sciences, legal aspects, nomenclatures and classification systems, health statistics, quality management and departmental management, and personnel administration.

The degree program includes three required courses that are face-to-face, on-site experiences. These three courses can be completed locally in health-related organizations in the home town of the student. The courses are the two professional practice experiences and the capstone.

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