

Health Information Management BSHIM

Overview

The **Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management (HIM)**, offered by the Department of Health Services Administration and Policy, is focused on the development, implementation, management and maintenance of patient health information systems in accordance with legal, regulatory and accrediting agencies' requirements for health care data collection and dissemination. HIM professionals have a special role in making sure that patient information remains confidential and maintained in a manner that ensures the patient's privacy and that health care information is secure. A career in HIM combines interests in medicine, management, information technology, electronic health record systems and finance. HIM professionals design and manage health information systems, with special attention to quality and privacy of health information, in a wide range of settings such as hospitals, managed and ambulatory care, insurance and pharmaceutical companies, consulting firms and public health organizations.

The Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management (BSHIM) includes classes covering six main areas:

- Core HIM: Health Record Documentation, Legal Aspects of HIM, Internships, Healthcare Delivery Systems, and Professional Development.
- Data Analytics: HIM IT Fundamentals, Electronic Health Record Systems, Informatics, and Database Development and Design.
- Management: Leadership and Strategy, Human Resources, Operations, and Project Management.
- Classification and Reimbursement: ICD-10, CPT4, Intermediate Coding, and Reimbursement.
- Clinical Medicine: Pathophysiology, Medical Terminology, Clinical Procedures, and Pharmacology.
- Internship: Management Internship (four weeks at a facility where you will be participating in a management project at that organization). Examples of internship sites include the University of Pennsylvania Health System, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, NYU Medical Center, and Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Admissions

Beginning Fall 2021, first-year students may select Health Information Management as their major on their application for admission to Temple University and may be offered direct admission to the program. Prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or above in order to begin the HIM major courses.

Laptop Requirements

Laptops are integrated into the HIM curriculum and are required to complete in-class activities and projects outside of class. In order to run specialized analytical software, a laptop with the minimum hardware specifications defined at <https://cphapps.temple.edu/wiki/it/student/laptop> will allow a smooth experience.

Certification

Students enrolled in the HIM program and in the last term of study are eligible to apply for and sit for the examination of the American Health Information Management Association for the nationally recognized certification as a Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA).

Following satisfactory completion of all course requirements, the graduate is awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management.

See <https://www.ahima.org/certification-careers/certifications-overview/> for information about credentialing in Health Information Management.

Accreditation

The baccalaureate program in Health Information Management at Temple University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

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These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2023-2024. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2023 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.

Summary of Requirements

University Requirements

All students are required to complete the university's General Education (GenEd) curriculum (Analytical Reading & Writing, Intellectual Heritage I and II, Arts, Human Behavior, Global/World Society, U.S. Society, Race & Diversity, Science & Technology, Quantitative Literacy).

All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses at Temple as part of the major. The writing-intensive courses for this major are HIM 3297 and HIM 4298.

College Requirement

All CPH students must complete the College Core Course, HRPR 1001 Public Health: The Way We Live, Work and Play.

Clearance Requirements

Please note the Health Information Management program requires students to complete internships at facilities both on and off the University campus. These placements may require criminal background checks, Act 33/34 clearances and perhaps a drug screen. Placements may also require the student to maintain personal health insurance. The results of these requirements may limit and potentially eliminate placement options which can, in turn, result in an inability to meet graduation requirements.

Program Requirements

Students in the HIM program are required to satisfy the following prerequisite courses before beginning HIM upper level courses. A grade of C or better is required for all prerequisite and professional courses (a grade of C- is not acceptable).

Health Information Management Prerequisites:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MATH 1013	Elements of Statistics	3
or PSY 1167		
or SOC 1167	Social Statistics	
or EPBI 2219	Biostatistics and Public Health	
KINS 1223	Human Anatomy and Physiology I ¹	3-4
or KINS 1221	Principles of Anatomy and Physiology I	
KINS 1224	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ¹	3-4
or KINS 1222	Principles of Anatomy and Physiology II	
HIM 1101	Medical Terminology	3
HIM 1055	IT Applications for Health	3
HPM 2214	Politics and Payments in US Healthcare System	3
Total Credit Hours		18-20

Health Information Management Professional Courses: ²

Code	Title	Credit Hours
HIM 2215	Health Information Management IT Fundamentals	3
HIM 3101	Health Record Documentation	3
HIM 3106	Pathophysiology	3
HIM 3107	Healthcare Leadership and Strategic Management	3
HIM 3111	Statistics and Research in Health Care	3
HIM 3113	Healthcare Database Design and Development	3
HIM 3203	Electronic Health Record Systems	3
HIM 3208	International Classification of Diseases	3
HIM 3216	Clinical Procedures and Pharmacology	3
HIM 3271	Professional Development	1
HIM 3297	Health Information Management Human Resource Management (WI)	3
HIM 4101	Health Informatics: Infrastructure and Standards	3
HIM 4102	Legal Aspects of Health Information Management	3
HIM 4207	Healthcare Quality Improvement	3

HIM 4105	Current Procedural Terminology Coding	3
HIM 4113	Healthcare Reimbursement Systems	3
HIM 4121	Healthcare Data Analytics	3
HIM 4202	Health Information Management Project Management	3
HIM 4206	Intermediate Coding	3
HIM 4104	Health Information Management Operations Management	3
HIM 4286	Management Internship	4
HIM 4298	Health Information Management Senior Seminar (WI)	3
Total Credit Hours		65

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You should consult with your advisor for information on the distinctions between Anatomy and Physiology selection sequence and its implication for your degree and career goals. Satisfactory completion of the KINS 1221 and KINS 1222 sequence or the KINS 1223 and KINS 1224 sequence will meet the two-course GenEd Science and Technology requirement. These courses are similar but not interchangeable and must be taken in the correct sequence. Students choosing the KINS 1221 and KINS 1222 sequence may need to take an additional 2-credit elective to meet credit hours degree graduation requirement. Please see a departmental academic advisor for clarification.

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The professional courses follow a strict semester-by-semester sequence that requires careful attention to registration dates. See a departmental academic advisor for help planning your professional course registration.

Electives

6 credits. Strongly recommended electives include business writing electives.

Suggested Academic Plan

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Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
ENG 0802	Analytical Reading and Writing	4
or ENG 0812	or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL	
or ENG 0902	or Honors Writing About Literature	
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course ^{GQ 1}		4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
HRPR 1001	Public Health: The Way We Live, Work and Play	3
Credit Hours		14
Spring		
KINS 1223	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (GS) ²	3-4
or KINS 1221	or Principles of Anatomy and Physiology I	
IH 0851	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	3
or IH 0951	or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	
GenEd Breadth Course		3
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GenEd Breadth Course		3
Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
GenEd Breadth Course		3
IH 0852	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	3
or IH 0952	or Honors Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	
KINS 1224	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (GS) ²	3-4
or KINS 1222	or Principles of Anatomy and Physiology II	
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 1013	Elements of Statistics	
PSY 1167		

SOC 1167	Social Statistics	
EPBI 2219	Biostatistics and Public Health	
Credit Hours		13
Spring		
HIM 1055	IT Applications for Health	3
HIM 1101	Medical Terminology	3
HPM 2214	Politics and Payments in US Healthcare System	3
General Elective		3
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
HIM 2215	Health Information Management IT Fundamentals	3
HIM 3101	Health Record Documentation	3
HIM 3106	Pathophysiology	3
HIM 3107	Healthcare Leadership and Strategic Management	3
HIM 3111	Statistics and Research in Health Care	3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
HIM 3113	Healthcare Database Design and Development	3
HIM 3203	Electronic Health Record Systems	3
HIM 3208	International Classification of Diseases	3
HIM 3216	Clinical Procedures and Pharmacology	3
HIM 3271	Professional Development	1
HIM 3297	Health Information Management Human Resource Management	3
Credit Hours		16
Year 4		
Fall		
HIM 4101	Health Informatics: Infrastructure and Standards	3
HIM 4102	Legal Aspects of Health Information Management	3
HIM 4105	Current Procedural Terminology Coding	3
HIM 4113	Healthcare Reimbursement Systems	3
HIM 4121	Healthcare Data Analytics	3
HIM 4207	Healthcare Quality Improvement	3
Credit Hours		18
Spring		
HIM 4202	Health Information Management Project Management	3
HIM 4104	Health Information Management Operations Management	3
HIM 4206	Intermediate Coding	3
HIM 4286	Management Internship	4
HIM 4298	Health Information Management Senior Seminar ³	3
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		123

A grade of C or better is required to satisfy ALL prerequisite and professional course requirements. Grades below a C will not be accepted.

Note: All professional courses are offered only once a year.

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MATH 0823 or MATH 0824 is strongly recommended.

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You should consult your advisor for information on the distinctions between the anatomy and physiology selection sequence and its implication for your degree and career goals. Satisfactory completion of the KINS 1221 and KINS 1222 sequence or the KINS 1223 and KINS 1224 sequence will meet the two-course GenEd Science & Technology requirement. These courses are similar but not interchangeable. Courses must be taken in the correct sequence. Students choosing KINS 1221 and KINS 1222 may need to take an additional 2-credit elective to meet credit hour degree requirements as well as annual progress requirements. Please see your advisor for clarification.

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Indicates writing capstone for major.