



Health Informatics , Information Management and Administration

School of Allied Health Professions



B.S. Health Information Management (On-campus & Online)

The Health Information Management (HIM) program at Loma Linda University leading to the Bachelor of Science degree is a two-year program that begins with the fall quarter of the junior year. It is the only program of its kind in California and has been offered by Loma Linda University since 1962.

The Health Information Management (HIM) manages health information systems that serve the needs of patients, the healthcare team, and the administrative staff. It is an excellent career choice for the person who would like to have a profession in healthcare that combines interests in data analytics, computer science, business, management, informatics, law, and medicine. This unique mixture provides the HIM with great opportunities in a variety of different settings and job titles along with substantial income.

Health Information Managers have opportunities to assist in the development and implementation of health information systems for quality patient care, financial reimbursement, medical research, healthcare planning, and healthcare quality evaluation. Other responsibilities include privacy, security, and data governance.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Job opportunities continue to grow for HIMs. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, “employment of health information specialists is projected to grow 18 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations.” As the population ages, they will require more care. More care translates to more documentation required and reimbursement for healthcare providers. “Additional records, coupled with widespread use of electronic health records (EHRs) by all types of healthcare providers, could lead to an increased need for technicians to organize and manage the associated information in all areas of the healthcare industry” (www.bls.gov).

EARNINGS

Full-time salaries in the profession range from entry positions paying approximately \$55,000-\$70,000 to advanced positions paying up to \$90,000+. Management positions may offer earnings as high as \$150,000.

EMPLOYMENT

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Job positions include, but are not limited to, Director of HIM, Privacy Officer, Security Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, EHR Implementation Specialist, Data Application or System Analyst, Data Integrity Analyst, Consultant, Cancer Registrar, Medical Office Administrator, Revenue Cycle Manager, Data Quality Manager, Documentation and Coding Specialist, and Coding Manager.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

You will need to finish two years of prerequisite courses at a junior college or four-year college to be eligible to enter the program. The prerequisite courses, which prepare you for two years of study at Loma Linda University, are listed on the back. The following programs qualify the graduate to sit for the RHIA certification examination:

- B.S. in Health Information Management
- Certificate in Health Information Management

GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT DISCLOSURE FOR CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH INFO ADM

The following link will provide information regarding the cost of the certificate, financing available, median debt, normal timeframe for completion, and job placement rates for students that have completed this program. Please go to:

<https://alliedhealth.llu.edu/sites/alliedhealth.llu.edu/files/docs/disclosures/hia/hia-Gedt.html>

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