The Health Information Management professional plays a critical role in the successful implementation of electronic health records (EHR) and ensures that providers, healthcare organizations, and patients have access to the right health information at the right time while maintaining the data integrity, confidentiality, and security. HIM professionals use their expertise in over 40 different work settings such as hospitals, healthcare technology vendors, consulting firms, and insurance companies to name a few. The University of Pittsburgh, Department of Health Information Management (HIM), offers the opportunity to become a Health Information Management professional by pursuing one of the following:

- **HIM UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM** - This program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree. Full-time students complete the program in four terms and one summer session. Progression for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) is provided within this program of study.

- **MS-HIS/RHIA OPTION** - An option for students who have completed a Baccalaureate degree to obtain a M.S. degree in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences with a concentration in Health Information Systems. Please visit our website at http://www.shrs.pitt.edu/HIM/ for information regarding prerequisites, admission requirements, and curriculum.

**REGISTERED HEALTH INFORMATION ADMINISTRATOR (RHIA)** - Following satisfactory completion of all course requirements, the student will be awarded the Baccalaureate or Masters of Science degree, depending on which program is pursued. Students are eligible to sit for the RHIA credentialing examination administered by the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) an affiliate of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

The HIM program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).
The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford’s Pre-Health Information Management curriculum is a two-year program. Upon completion of the two-year curriculum, students must apply to the University of Pittsburgh’s Health Information Management (HIM) Program in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS).

PRE-HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The two-year program at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford must include the following courses:

- BIOL 0091 Concepts of Biology (3)
- CHEM 0101 General Chemistry I (4)
- COMM 0104 Public Speaking (3)
- CIST 0150 Fundamentals of Programming (3)
- CIST 0161 Technology of Computing (3)
- CIST 0163 Introduction to Web Programming (3)
- ENG 0101 English Composition I (3)
- ENG 0102 English Composition II (3)
- MATH 0098 College Algebra II or a higher math course (3)
- MATH 0133 Statistics: Mathematics (4) OR ECON 0204 Statistical Methods (4) OR PSY 0201 Statistics (4)
- PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology (3)
- *Humanities/Social Science (3)
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*Choose from Anthropology, Economics, English Literature/Writing, Foreign Language, History, Music, Performing & Visual Arts, Philosophy, Sociology, etc.

In addition to completing the required courses listed above, the student must earn a minimum cumulative and prerequisite QPA of 2.50 and earn a minimum grade of C- in all courses designated as prerequisites. Experience in a healthcare facility is highly recommended, but is not required. Students must apply to admission to the Bachelor of Science degree program in Health Information Management at the University of Pittsburgh-Oakland School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

Please note that transfer credits will be re-evaluated by the University of Pittsburgh-Oakland’s School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. For more information visit http://www.shrs.pitt.edu/HIM/.

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