Today, healthcare organizations depend on health information management (HIM) departments to provide information governance, ensure privacy and security, perform data analytics, and help navigate the increasingly digital healthcare environment. As a result, more and more employers are eager to hire professionals who have a solid understanding of both HIM and health IT and can use that knowledge to drive improvements in patient care.

The online, 61-credit University of Wisconsin Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management and Technology (HIMT) equips you with the unique HIMT skills you need to thrive at any type of healthcare organization. It’s the ideal choice for busy adults who need a flexible education to start or advance their careers. After being accepted into the program, you will choose a specialty track in management or technology—or both.

TWO TRACKS OF STUDY

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The HIM track focuses on the business aspects of healthcare, including:

- Human resource management
- Project management
- Financial and data management
- Strategic planning
- Organizational development

This track prepares you to sit for and pass the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) certification exam. [Click for more information on eligibility.]

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The health IT track focuses on more technical subjects, including:

- Programming and data structures
- Electronic health record (EHR) system implementation and upgrades
- System networking
- Privacy and security issues

This track prepares you to sit for and pass health IT certification exams, such as CPHIMS and CAHIMS.
A UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN DEGREE

EARN A RESPECTED UW DEGREE
Where you earn your degree matters. Upon graduation, you will receive your Bachelor of Science from one of four respected University of Wisconsin campuses: UW-Green Bay, UW-La Crosse, UW-Parkside, or UW-Stevens Point. This is an online program, but your degree and transcripts will be identical to those earned by on-campus students.

MAKE VALUABLE CONNECTIONS
In the UW HIMT program, advisers and faculty are just an email or phone call away. You never have to set foot on campus, but you’re free to visit or use campus resources, such as career assistance and libraries, whenever you like. Many graduates say that, through the program, they formed lifelong personal and professional connections with students and faculty.

ENJOY A FLEXIBLE EDUCATION
UW HIMT bachelor’s degree courses are completed online, which is a rarity among public university HIM programs. Students often say the online format is a natural fit and a big factor in their ability to earn a degree while balancing work, family, and other responsibilities.

RECEIVE CERTIFICATION EXAM PREP
The HIM track offered by UW-Green Bay and UW-Parkside is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Graduates of the accredited HIM track are eligible to sit for the RHIA certification exam, and those who take it consistently exceed national pass rates. Health IT track graduates are eligible to sit for the CAHIMS certification exam. If you plan to take certification exams, you will receive test prep designed by credentialed faculty.

“I was hired as an analyst at Green Bay Oncology because of my UW Health Information Management and Technology degree and, more specifically, because I had taken health IT courses as well as HIM courses.”

– Heather Smith, 2016 graduate
CURRICULUM

All UW HIMT courses are designed with input from industry leaders and taught by the same UW faculty who teach on campus. You will take 17 core courses and four additional courses in the track of your choosing. If you complete both tracks, you will take a total of eight additional courses, four in each track. See the full course list at himt.wisconsin.edu.

CORE COURSES

Survey of Information Technology in Healthcare
Ethical Issues, Security Management, and Compliance
Healthcare Systems: Analysis and Design
Healthcare Billing, Coding, and Reimbursement
Quality Assessment and Improvement

HIM TRACK COURSES

Principles of Management for HIMT Professionals
Healthcare Economics
Human Resource Management in Healthcare
Application of Leadership and Management in Healthcare Technology

HEALTH IT TRACK COURSES

Programming and Software Development
Database Structures and Management Systems
Data Warehousing and Mining
Data Communications and Networks in Healthcare

CAREERS

Widespread use of EHR systems has created a huge demand for health IT specialists who can build them and HIM professionals who can manage and analyze electronic patient data. In fact, the need is so great that UW HIMT students are often offered jobs before they graduate. With a specialized HIMT degree and professional certification, you will be qualified for a variety of positions, including systems analyst, health information administrator, compliance officer, Epic client specialist, software developer, business analyst, privacy officer, and documentation quality coordinator. Our alumni work at some of the best healthcare organizations in Wisconsin and around the country. These organizations, recognized for high quality standards and improved patient outcomes, include Aurora Health Care, Hospital Sisters Health System, Marshfield Clinic Information Services, Sauk Prairie Healthcare, Miami Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, and United Health Group.

CAPSTONE

For the final course, the capstone experience, you will use what you’ve learned in the program to develop a project and get real-world experience at an HIMT workplace. Each project is tailored to a student’s interests and career goals and often leads to job opportunities and valuable connections. Past capstone students have:

- Set up a patient-tracking database at a geriatric care facility
- Researched information system quality at Michigan Primary Care Association
- Evaluated Dragon Medical speech recognition software at UW Health
- Reviewed and wrote HIPAA compliance and policy at a sports training center

Please visit the website for a current list of all sites where students have completed their capstone projects.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Approximately 60 credits of transferable college credit with a minimum GPA of 2.0
- Prerequisite coursework in college algebra, communications, and biology
- Official college transcripts

For more about how to apply, visit our [admission page](https://himt.wisconsin.edu).

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TUITION

- $440 PER CREDIT
- $26,840 TOTAL FOR 61 CREDITS

Financial aid may be available to you and is awarded by your campus. Find out more about tuition and financial aid.

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“I was recently hired as a business analyst for Marshfield Clinic Information Services. Working alongside EHR developers and fulfilling the needs of clients, I use my UW HIMT degree every day.”

- Melissa Metz, 2016 graduate

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