



About the Health Information Management and Technology Online Degree

The new online Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management and Technology (HIMT) is offered by a consortium of four University of Wisconsin campuses and coordinated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Students can receive their degrees through UW-Green Bay, UW-Parkside, and UW-Stevens Point. In addition, UW-La Crosse will contribute courses to the program.

Because this is a degree-completion program, students can graduate in as little as two years. The program is designed for nontraditional students who already have some college credits or a liberal arts-based associate degree. All coursework is online, giving students the skills and competencies they need to be competitive in today's workforce, while they work and balance their personal lives at the same time.

The curriculum consists of 20 classes (60 total credits). Courses cover such topics as health and medical terminology, medical ethics, information technology in healthcare, health benefit plans and providers, and leadership and change management in healthcare.

The HIMT curriculum offers two tracks: health information technology and health information management. The technology track prepares students for IT roles in the healthcare, health insurance and governmental fields. It's the foundation for positions from health data analyst to insurance claims coordinator.

The management track prepares students to be leaders in providing better patient care, administering computer information systems and cost, and managing patient information that health professionals rely on. Students will take 16 core courses and then, depending on which track they choose, they will take four additional courses in a given track to complete the degree.

Students are eligible for admission to this degree if they have completed at least 60 semester credits of transferable coursework with a 2.0 or better grade point average (GPA). There are also three prerequisite courses: Algebra, Biology and Communications.

The program is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Courses begin fall 2012.

"The healthcare field is changing rapidly. This is an excellent time to enter the field and make a difference in the delivery of quality healthcare."

George Kroeninger, assistant dean, University of Wisconsin-Extension

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