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University of Wisconsin Online Health Information Management and Technology Degree Program Advances toward CAHIIM Accreditation

UW-Green Bay Becomes First in UW System to Seek Accreditation

MADISON, Wis.—(April 23, 2013)—Representatives from the University of Wisconsin Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management and Technology program announced today that the online bachelor's degree is in candidacy status, pending accreditation review by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). CAHIIM is an independent accrediting organization whose mission is to serve the public interest by establishing and enforcing quality standards for health informatics and health information management programs.

The online health information management degree is offered by a consortium of four University of Wisconsin campuses and coordinated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Courses are offered through UW-Green Bay, UW-La Crosse, UW-Parkside and UW-Stevens Point. UW-Green Bay is the first in the UW System to seek CAHIIM accreditation.

"In taking this first step toward CAHIIM accreditation, we are showing our students our commitment to positioning them for success in securing jobs throughout the healthcare industry," said George Kroeninger, assistant dean of Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning at UW-Extension. "We look forward to working with CAHIIM representatives as we move through the accreditation process."

Frank Waterstraat, the health information management degree program director for UW-Extension, said, "Ultimately, the goal of accreditation is to benefit both students and employers. Accreditation helps ensure that our curriculum is relevant to not only today's electronic health record (EHR) environment, but to tomorrow's as well. The curriculum must provide the education and skills necessary to qualify for emerging jobs as well."

For more information about the online Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management and Technology, please visit http://himt.wisconsin.edu. To view a short video about the program, visit http://bit.ly/ZKxZwv.

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