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HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The program in health information management prepares students to work in the health information management profession, which focuses on healthcare data and the management of healthcare information resources. The profession addresses the nature, structure, and translation of data into usable forms of information for the advancement of health and healthcare of individuals and populations.

Health information management professionals collect, integrate, and analyze primary and secondary healthcare data, disseminate information and manage information resources, related to the research, planning, provision, and evaluation of healthcare services.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Upon completion of the degree, graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the RHIA (Registered Health Information Administrator) examination offered by the American Health Information Management Association.

The BSHIM is offered in two formats—the traditional campus-based program and a distance education web-based program.

The HIM program is a two plus two program with completion of general education core curriculum and program prerequisite coursework during the first two years. Following application and acceptance into the program, the final two years consists of the professional coursework reinforced with professional practice experience assignments in hospitals and other healthcare related facilities and organizations. Application deadline is March 1.

The Distance Education Program is offered in the same format with the ability to complete the core at a local college. The courses for the program are offered via web-based instruction, independent study and professional practice experience with minimal required visits to the San Marcos campus. Application deadline is April 1.

Admission Process

1. Second semester sophomore standing.
2. Minimum overall grade point average of 2.25.
3. Personal interview with health information management program Admission Committee. Students will be informed of their status by April 1.
4. Students must make no less than a “C” in each HIM course to meet graduation requirements, or progressions in the program may be delayed.

It is strongly recommended that students present themselves for academic advising as soon as health information management has been selected as a major for a review of transcripts to determine remaining coursework to complete the BSHIM and to assure timely acceptance to the program.

Advanced standing in the health information management program will require a review of the student's credentials and transcript. Because of course sequencing and the scheduling of clinical assignments, students who drop out of the program for one or more semesters will be required to reapply for admission and be re-interviewed by the admissions committee.

During the second semester of the senior year, students are required to take the Professional Practice Experience course. This course requires that the students spend five weeks in other institutions (hospitals, health agencies, etc.) away from campus. Students must furnish their own transportation and housing. Because of the time and distances involved, no courses listed for the final semester of the senior year can be taken during that semester.

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