

# HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

MASTER OF SCIENCE  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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## START TERMS

Fall or Spring

## MODALITY

100% online

## NUMBER OF CREDITS

30 credits

## DURATION OF PROGRAM

12 - 24 months



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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Are you interested in health information management?

Have you gone to a doctor, picked up medicine at a pharmacy, or purchased health care insurance? If so, you might have witnessed the work of a health information management (HIM) professional. Health Information Management professionals may practice in health care, health finance, health quality, billing services, health information systems industry, health education programs, and health information standards and policy development. Their work joins clinical, operational, and administrative roles in health care. They work on the classification of disease and interventions to assure their standardization for use in clinical, financial, and legal purposes

The Affordable Care Act has forced the health care industry to become more data-driven. Hospitals and insurance companies have implemented electronic health record systems and are building massive data marts. The McKinsey Global Institute estimates that \$300 billion in value annually can be realized by managing these data. The Education Advisory Board lists "Hospital and Health Systems" as one of the top five industries for big data jobs in the US, and research projects that non-federal hospitals nationally, between 2012 and 2022, will add close to 3,000 new computer and information systems managers to their ranks, representing a 41% increase for that group of workers.

While the emphasis of the program is health information management, the skills learned in the program are readily transferable to other areas such as information system management and health services management. Both of these paths have rapid growth and significantly positive employment changes. Medical Health Services Management has a projected growth rate of 17% and 56,300 jobs between 2014 and 2024. Computer and Information Systems Management has a projected growth rate of 15% and a positive employment change of 53,700 people between 2014 and 2024.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Slippery Rock University's Master of Science in Health Information Management offers:

- A 30-credit program that can be completed in 12-24 months
- A new cohort begins each Fall and Spring term
- Flexibility – courses taught 100% online
- Interdisciplinary instruction in healthcare, technology, healthcare administration and business management
- A curriculum that reflects the current industry standards and principles as well as the standards designed by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIM)
- Expert faculty with earned doctorates

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. Official transcript(s) from an accredited baccalaureate granting institution and official graduate transcripts (if applicable)
2. Bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in a Health Care, Information Systems, Information Management or a related discipline (students with a GPA below 3.0 may apply for conditional admission)
3. Resume

To ensure program currency, students must complete all degree requirements within 4 years with an overall GPA of 3.0, or make special arrangements with the department chair.

## ACCREDITATION

The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) has granted the MSHIM program "Candidacy Status." MSHIM graduates become eligible to take the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) certification after the program is accredited. In addition to CAHIIM candidacy status, Health Information Management is also accredited by AACSB.



## CURRICULUM (30 CREDITS)

SRU's Master of Science in Health Information Management consists of nine core courses; one cognate course, and one applied research course. There are free seminars in Anatomy and Physiology, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology, Medical Terminology, Computer Concepts and Applications, and Math Statistics for those who need them.

FULL-TIME - ONE YEAR			
SUMMER I	FALL I	WINTER I	SPRING I
HIM 650: Applied Project	HIM 600: Healthcare Information Systems Technology or CPSC 602: Intro to Health Informatics	HIM 605: Health Information Vocabularies and Clinical Terminologies	MIS 603: Health Care Information Systems
	ECON 619/HIM 619: Quantitative Analysis		HIM 630: Healthcare Quality Management and Documentation Improvement
	HIM 635: Knowledge Management in Health Information or CPSC 605: Data Mining and Data Analytics		HIM 625: Legal, Ethical, and Security Issues in Health Info Management or CPSC 620: Healthcare Ethics, Law, Privacy and Information Assurance
	HIM 620: Financial Management for Health Professionals		HIM 645: Leadership for Health Information Management

PART-TIME - TWO YEARS			
SUMMER I	FALL I	WINTER I	SPRING I
	HIM 600: Healthcare Information Systems Technology or CPSC 602: Intro to Health Informatics	HIM 605: Health Information Vocabularies and Clinical Terminologies	MIS 603: Health Care Information Systems
	ECON 619/HIM 619: Quantitative Analysis		HIM 630: Healthcare Quality Management and Documentation Improvement
SUMMER II	FALL II	WINTER II	SPRING II
HIM 650: Applied Project	HIM 620: Financial Management for Health Professionals		HIM 625: Legal, Ethical, and Security Issues in Health Info Management or CPSC 620: Healthcare Ethics, Law, Privacy and Information Assurance
	HIM 635: Knowledge Management in Health Information or CPSC 605: Data Mining and Data Analytics		HIM 645: Leadership for Health Information Management

## TUITION & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at [www.sru.edu/graduate](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid) or in the Office of Graduate Admissions.

## TESTIMONIAL

*"I am so excited to be a part of the Masters of Science in Health Information Management because it joins my love of health care (Respiratory Therapy to be exact) and technology. It is a challenging program that I feel will help prepare me for many possible future career paths."* Pamela, Class of 2020

## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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