

What Can I Do With a Major in...

# Health Information Management?

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Health information management is the study of the principles and practices of acquiring, analyzing, and protecting digital and traditional medical information vital to providing quality patient care.

**Skills/Competencies Associated with HIM Majors:**

Tendency toward analytical thinking

Capacity for precision, detail, order, patience, integrity, thoroughness

Proficiency in written and oral communication

*Ability to:*

Organize, analyze, or interpret numerical data

Operate/use information derived from computers

Explain complex data to others

Lead, supervise, and direct others

\*Technical Standards:(School of Allied Health's nonacademic criteria) 1. observation; 2. communications; 3. motor function; 4. intellectual-conceptual, integrative, and quantitative abilities; and 5. behavioral and social attributes.

**Related Occupations:**

HIM Director	Utilization-Review Coordinator
Business Process Engineer	Evaluator
Healthcare Consumer Advocate	Admissions Evaluator
Assistant HIM Director	Classification Clerk
Consultant	Fingerprint Clerk
Clinical Data Analyst	Coder
Compliance Officer	Abstractor
Coding Professional	Sorter
HIM Faculty	Statistical Clerk
Health Data Information Resource Manager	Reinsurance Clerk
Cancer or other disease registrar	Medical-Record Clerk
Documentation Specialist	Insurance Underwriter
Charge Master Auditor	Social and Community Service Managers
Emergency Medical Services Coordinator	

\*This is only a partial list and not meant to limit you. Come to Career Services to explore your options further.

### **Strategies:**

- \* Strengthen business management skills
- \* Enhance communication skills. .

- \* Gain experience in a healthcare setting.
- \* Obtain an internship in field.

### **Resources for HIM Majors:**

College Central Network  
[www.collegecentral.com/gmc](http://www.collegecentral.com/gmc)

American Health Information Management Association  
[www.ahima.org](http://www.ahima.org)

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society  
[www.himss.org](http://www.himss.org)

ADVANCE for Health Information Professionals  
Association  
<http://health-information.advanceweb.com/main.aspx>

College of Healthcare Information Management  
[www.chime-net.org](http://www.chime-net.org)

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

Health Data Management  
[www.healthdatamanagement.com](http://www.healthdatamanagement.com)

Medical Group Mgt. Association  
[www.mgma.org](http://www.mgma.org)

American Medical Informatics  
[www.amia.org](http://www.amia.org)

Medical Records Institute  
[www.medrecinst.com](http://www.medrecinst.com)