

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
- Organize, analyze, or interpret numerical data
- Operate/use information derived from computers
- Explain complex data to others
- Lead, supervise, and direct others

### Related Occupations:

Abstractor	Evaluator
Admissions Evaluator	Fingerprint Clerk
Assistant HIM Director	Health Data Information Resource Manager
Business Process Engineer	Healthcare Consumer Advocate
Cancer or other disease registrar	HIM Director
Charge Master Auditor	HIM Faculty
Classification Clerk	Insurance Underwriter
Clinical Data Analyst	Medical-Record Clerk
Coder	Reinsurance Clerk
Coding Professional	Social and Community Service Managers
Compliance Officer	Sorter
Consultant	Statistical Clerk
Documentation Specialist	Utilization-Review Coordinator
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
- Gain experience in a healthcare setting
- Enhance communication skills
- Obtain an internship in field
- Develop Technical Standards (School of Allied Health's nonacademic criteria):
  1. Observation
  2. Communications
  3. Motor function
  4. Intellectual-conceptual, integrative, and quantitative abilities
  5. Behavioral and social attributes

## **Resources:**

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  
<http://health-information.advanceweb.com/>

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

Careers in Allied Health  
[http://careerplanning.about.com/od/occupations/a/allied\\_health.htm](http://careerplanning.about.com/od/occupations/a/allied_health.htm)

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.com](http://www.mgma.com)

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

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