Pre-Health Information Management

Health information administrators are responsible for the management of health information systems consistent with the medical, administrative, ethical, and legal requirements of the healthcare delivery system. They process patient data, design and implement systems that will accurately record this information and make it readily retrievable, and develop and maintain quality assurance programs to assist the healthcare team in monitoring all healthcare activities.

The HIM administrator also provides medical information to qualified users and safeguards confidential patient data. Administrative duties assigned to this health professional include responsibility for subordinate personnel, capital equipment selection, systems design and analysis, hospital committee activities, and budget management.

Students pursuing Health Information Management acquire knowledge of medical science, disease classification and coding, record management, health information systems, information technology, and organization and management. Coursework is integrated with clinical practice experience in the health information management departments of affiliated hospitals, so that the student can develop the organizational and managerial skills required to administer an efficient health information management department.

The prerequisite coursework listed below prepares the student to apply to the Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management program offered in the College of Applied Health Sciences. If admitted to the program, students will complete two additional years of undergraduate study in the College of Applied Health Sciences to obtain the bachelor's degree. Completion of pre-health information management coursework does not guarantee admission to the College of Applied Health Sciences.

Prerequisite Coursework

59-60 semester hours, exclusive of basic military science, distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
BIOS 110	Biology of Cells and Organisms [a]	4
Additional Analyzing the Natural World course [b]		3-5
KN 230	Anatomy and Physiology Lecture I	3
KN 231	Anatomy and Physiology Lecture II	3
PSCH 100	Introduction to Psychology [c]	4
STAT 101	Introduction to Statistics	3-4
or PSCH 242	Introduction to Research in Psychology	
MATH 110	College Algebra	4
or MATH 105	Mathematical Reasoning	
Exploring World Cultures course [b]		3
Understanding the Creative Arts course [b]		3
Understanding the Past course [b]		3
Understanding U.S. Society course [b]		3
IDS 200	Intro to Management Information Systems	4
Electives—To complete the required total hours of General Education Core Requirement courses. [d]		10-14
Total Hours		**59-60**

a *This course is approved for the Analyzing the Natural World General Education category.*

b *Students should consult the* General Education *section of the catalog for a list approved courses in this category.*

c *This course is approved for the Understanding the Individual and Society General Education category.*

d *KN 232 and KN 233 are recommended electives.*

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. The minimum GPA for application to the program in health information management is 2.50/4.00. Students may apply for admission to the program approximately one year before planned enrollment.