

Health Information Management

University of Kansas

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Program Description

The University of Kansas offers a bachelor's degree in health information management, an exciting health profession focused on managing health data and information to improve health care delivery. This degree program includes hands-on learning in a variety of health care settings and interprofessional education opportunities with other health care professionals. The curriculum focuses on health care management, data and information management practices, health information systems and technology, health care delivery systems, and clinical concepts.

Graduates of this program are positioned to become leaders in health care with the skills required to analyze and manage health data and information, including the systems, processes, and teams of people who work with health data and information. Those with a degree in health information management may find work in varieties of settings including at health information technology companies, hospitals, physician offices, health insurance companies, and government agencies, among others.

The HIM program begins in August when students enter their first semester of professional coursework on the KU Medical Center campus in Kansas City, KS, and culminates in a 4-week capstone professional experience at the end of the spring semester of the second year. The online program begins both fall and spring semesters with individualized course plans. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) certification exam offered by the American Health Information Management Association and become credentialed in this health profession.

Students in this degree program can pursue admission to a joint accelerated degree option, the bachelor of science in health information management + master of science in health informatics (BSHIM to MSHI Joint Accelerated Degree) offered by the department.

Admission Requirements Eligibility and Prerequisites

- Students enter the program after accumulating two (2) years of college course work, including prerequisite courses, totaling at least 60 hours to qualify for KU graduation with a total of 120 hours after completing this program.
- Students may apply if currently enrolled or working towards prerequisite coursework. However, all prerequisites must be completed before the start of the program.
- An overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for college coursework is required to be eligible to apply. No grade lower than a “C” is accepted in any prerequisite course.
- All individuals admitted to the program will be asked to verify that they can meet the technical standards (<https://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/academics/departments/health-information-management/academics/technical-standards.html>) with or without accommodations.
- Acceptance into the program is conditional, pending the results of the criminal background check.
- Students are required to have a computer that meets the minimum software and hardware requirements (<https://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/academics/departments/health-information-management/academics/computer-requirements.html>) for this program. (<https://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/academics/departments/health-information-management/academics/computer-requirements.html>)

Current KU students on the Lawrence campus should sign up to be included on the pre-health information management track. This is not the same as a major. Please contact the Undergraduate Advising Center (<http://advising.ku.edu/>) for assistance.

Application Process

- Apply to the program and pay the application fee by the February 1 priority admission deadline. Visit KU Admissions (<https://gograd.ku.edu/apply/>) for more information.
- Arrange to have one official copy of each transcript from every college and university that you have attended sent directly to KU Medical Center. Electronic transcripts may be submitted to the HIM (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/health-info-mgmt/him@kumc.edu>) program at KU Medical Center.
- Additional application materials such as Letter of Intent, Resume, and two (2) References are also required.

Applications are reviewed upon successful completion and submission of ALL materials.

BSHIM to MSHI Joint Accelerated Degree

- Eligible students are ones admitted to the BS in HIM degree and who are in good academic standing.
- Application to begin the joint degree option occurs during the junior year spring semester; those accepted begin a modified course plan during their senior year as an undergraduate in the BS in HIM program.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

Prerequisite Courses

No grade lower than a “C” is accepted in any prerequisite course.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Biological Sciences					
BIOL 121	Introductory Biology for Non-Majors	4	BIOL 100	Principles of Biology	3
BIOL 140	Human Anatomy 2^	4	BIOL 240	Fundamentals of Human Anatomy	
BIOL 225	Human Physiology* 3^	4	BIOL 246	Principles of Human Physiology	3
Mathematics					
MATH 201	Statistics*	3	MATH 365	Elementary Statistics	3
Select one of the following:					
ACCT 121	Accounting I	3	ACCT 200	Fund of Financial Accounting	4

ACCT 122	Accounting II*	3	ACCT 200	Fund of Financial Accounting	4
English					
Select one of the following:					
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3	ENGL 101	Composition	3
ENGL 119	College Composition I with Review*	5	ENGL 101	Composition	3
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3	ENGL 102	Critical Reading and Writing	3
Oral Communication					
COMS 121	Public Speaking	3	COMS 130	Public Speaking	
Humanities					
PHIL 124	Logic and Critical Thinking	3	PHIL 148	Reason and Argument	3
PHIL 143	Ethics	3	PHIL 160	Introduction to Ethics	3
Social Sciences					
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 104	General Psychology	3
SOC 122	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 104	Elements of Sociology	3
Health Care & Other Courses					
HC 101	Introduction to Health Care Delivery	3	HEIM 210	INTRO TO HEALTH CARE	1
HC 130	Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professions	3	HEIM 230	Medical Terminology	3
BLAW 261	Business Law I*	3	BLAW 301	Legal Aspects of Business	3
CIS 201	Introduction to Information Systems*	3	Information Systems Pre-requisite course		

Recommended Courses: Students needing additional credit hours should consider taking the following recommended courses.

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
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Classes that apply to KU's Minor in Business:					
ACCT 222	Managerial Accounting*	3	ACCT 201	Managerial Accounting I	3
BUS 241	Principles of Management	3	MGMT 310	Principles of Management	3
MKT 230	Marketing	3	MKTG 310	Marketing	3
Additional courses recommended for students interested in health information management:					
ENGL 123	Technical Writing I*	3	ENGL 362	Professional Writing	3
SOC 125	Social Problems	3	SOC 160	Social Problems Amer Values	3

* JCCC course with registration requirements.
 2 BIOL 241 or BIOL 242 are lab courses for BIOL 240 and are recommended but not required.
 3 BIOL 247 is the lab course for BIOL 246 and is recommended but not required.
 4 KU requires students to take MATH 101 before taking ACCT 200; transfer students may not need to complete a MATH 101 equivalent if it is not required for the required accounting course.



- ⁵ HC 101 is equivalent for HEIM 210, or if a student has experience working in a healthcare setting this requirement could be waived. Student will need to contact the HIM program (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/health-info-mgmt/him@kumc.edu>) during the advising/application process to discuss.
- [^] Student can take BIOL 144 at JCCC, instead of BIOL 140 and BIOL 225 to satisfy the Human Anatomy and Physiology requirement.

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