



HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Itasca Community College -College of St. Scholastica

The College of St. Scholastica was the first college in the nation to grant a bachelor's degree in this professional field. The program has been accredited for over 50 years and is considered one of the premier programs in the nation. Graduates are qualified to take the national registration examination to earn professional recognition as a Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA).

As an RHIA you will be a member of the management team in the dynamic health care environment. RHIAs may manage HIM functions in a hospital, clinic, long term care facility, work in specialty areas such as quality improvement, or work for software companies, consulting companies, or government agencies. RHIAs work closely with physicians and health care administrators to set up effective information systems. You will gain knowledge in health law, management theory and techniques, computer information systems, disease process and medical terminology, disease/procedure classification, etc. This major is ideal for the person who likes the health care environment but does not want to work directly with patients.

St. Scholastica's placement rate is nearly 100 percent within six months of graduation. Many of our graduates have assumed leadership roles in the profession at the local, state, and national levels.

Your degree from St. Scholastica will also prepare you for graduate school. You may pursue a master's degree in any area of interest, including HIM. In 1997 the College established a distance learning graduate program in Health Information Management. Other potential graduate degrees include business administration, health care administration, law education, finance, and information systems.

The following suggested program includes course requirements that give students a head start on their major:

			<u>Credits</u>
Biol	2101	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
Biol	2102	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
Bus	1124	Word Processing	3
CSci	1120	Introduction to Computers	3
CSci	1201	Beginning Computer Programming	3
Engl	1101	Expository Writing	3
Engl	1113	Research Writing	3
Math	1105	Elementary Statistics	4
Soc	1101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Spch	1101/1105	Intro to Spch/Fund of Public	3

ICC students transferring to the College of St. Scholastica with an Associate in Arts degree or the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum have fulfilled all CSS general education requirements. In addition, students are required to complete a College of St. Scholastica senior seminar. Also, courses in foreign language and cultural diversity are highly recommended.

To inquire about the Progression Program for RHITs, contact Kathy LaTour, MA, RHIA, at (218) 723-6011 or 1-888-876-1030 or via e-mail at klatour@css.edu. Health care professionals interested in pursuing a master's degree in HIM can do so in the summer-based graduate program, which requires minimal time on campus. To inquire about the master's program, contact Pam Oachs, MA, RHIA at (218)723-6409 or 1-888-876-1030 or via e-mail at poachs@css.edu.

For Further Information

If you would like more information about our program or financial aid contact:

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