Health Informatics and Information Management

Health informatics and information management (HiIM) is a multi-disciplinary program designed to provide balanced education in health sciences, health care information technology and management. The program prepares students to manage the acquisition, storage and retrieval of health information. HiIM majors are specialists in managing electronic medical records, designing health information systems and conducting value-added activities for health administration under a variety of healthcare settings.

Do Research

Selecting a major that aligns with your interests, personality, skills and abilities is an important part of your career development. The websites below will help you learn more about HiIM.

HiIM Websites

WMU HiIM Website: http://www.wmich.edu/infosystems/academics/hiim.html
WMU Center for Health Information Technology Advancement (CHITA): www.wmich.edu/chita
Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT): http://healthit.hhs.gov
Health Care IT News: www.healthcaittnews.com
Healthcare Informatics: www.healthcare-informatics.com

General Websites

The Haworth College of Business Career Center: www.wmich.edu/business/career
O-NET Dictionary of Occupational Titles: www.onetonline.org
Occupational Outlook Handbook: www.bls.gov/oco
CareerTV: www.careertv.com

Get Involved

Becoming involved in an organization is an essential part of your career development. The websites below are for WMU registered student organizations and national and international professional organizations related to the HiIM major.

Business Technology Network: www.wmich.edu/business/groups
Health Information and Management Systems Society (HiMSS): www.himss.org
American Health Information Management Association: www.ahima.org
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA): www.amia.org
International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA): www.imia-medinfo.org
Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT): www.cchit.org

Explore Opportunities

Exploring companies that hire HiIM majors is a great way to get a sense of the field. The companies below recruit are a great place to start exploring HiIM jobs.

- Aetna
- Alliance Health and Life
- Allscripts
- Blue Care Network of MI
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Borgess Health
- Bronson Healthcare
- Celtic Insurance Company
- Cerner
- Epic Systems
- GE Healthcare
- HIT Application Solutions (HIT)
- McKesson Provider Tech
- Priority Health
- Siemens Medical
- Spectrum Health System