

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Health Information Management and Systems (HIMS) provides students with a solid business and information systems background with a broad healthcare foundation. HIMS focuses on the business aspects of health-related services involving the creation, analysis, management, and protection of medical information vital to high-quality patient care. Students in their last term in the HIMS program sit for the [American Health Information Management Association's](#) national certification examination to obtain their Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) credential.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

### GPA of 2.50 or higher

A minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA is required in all coursework taken at any accredited institutions. Although a 2.5 GPA is the minimum, the average GPA of admitted students is higher.

### Prerequisite Courses

All prerequisite courses or their equivalents must be completed with a **C- or higher by the end of summer term.**

### Online Application

[The application is available online](#), which must be completed and submitted with all required supplemental documents if applicable. [Application FAQ can be found here.](#)

Students are encouraged to interview/shadow an HIM professional of their choice prior to application, although this is not required.

A personal interview will be offered to competitive applicants. Knowledge of the profession and personal career goals will be evaluated at that time. The program will give individual consideration in the admission assessment to courses taken and applicant experiences.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

The HIMS program admits once per year, with students beginning in the Autumn semester. The application deadline for Autumn 2023 is January 31, 2023. The professional program will begin August 22, 2023.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum total hours to graduate from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences is 120 credit hours. The Health Information Management and Systems program requires 124 credit hours, not including HTHRHSC 1100. Students should [reference their degree audit](#) to ensure they are completing all required components of the degree program. This includes general education (GE), program prerequisites, and professional curriculum.

## PREREQUISITE COURSES

*These courses must be completed prior to beginning the professional program. Ohio State course numbers shown below.*

### **First Year Prerequisites**

Math 1148 or higher

English 1110.01

Psychology 1100

Biology Sequence

*Biology 1101 and 1102 or*

*Biology 1113 and 1114*

### **Second Year Prerequisites**

Statistics 1450

Communication 2131 or 2110

Anatomy 2300, 3300, or EEOB 2510

Economics 2001.01

HIMS 5648

Accounting & MIS 2000 or 2200

Human Physiology (EEOB 2520 or PHYSIO 3101 or 3200)

Medical Terminology (HTHRHSC 2500)

First year students may apply to the HIMS program, with first consideration given to those with at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA and completion of half of all prerequisite courses with a C- or higher by end of summer term. If admitted by this path, students will complete remaining prerequisites following admission, then begin the professional program their third (junior) year.

## YEAR 1

Autumn	Credits	Spring	Credits
HTHRHSC 1100 Health and Rehab Sciences Survey	1	English 1110.01	3
MATH 1148 or higher	4	Biology 1102 or 1114	4
PSYCH 1100	3	<a href="#">GE Foundation</a>	3
Biology 1101 or 1113	4	Communication 2131	3
<a href="#">GE Foundation</a>	3	Economics 2001.01	3
GENED 1201	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

## YEAR 2

Autumn	Credits	Spring	Credits
Anatomy 2300.04, 3300.01, or EEOB 2510	4-5	EEOB 2520 or PHYSIO 3101 or 3200	3-5
HTHRHSC 2500 Medical Terminology	3	ACCT&MIS 2000 or 2200	3
Statistics 1450	3	<a href="#">GE Theme</a>	3-4
<a href="#">GE Foundation</a>	3	<a href="#">GE Theme</a>	3-4
HIMS 5648 Microcomputer Apps in Health Sciences	2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12-16</b>

*Begin Professional Coursework*

## YEAR 3

Autumn	Credits	Spring	Credits
HIMS 3520 Fundamentals of Health Info Management	4	HIMS 5535 Clinical Coding Performance and Mgmt	4
HIMS 3589 HIM Professional Practice Experience I	1	HIMS 5545 Fundamentals of Healthcare Law and Ethics	3
HIMS 5536 Healthcare Revenue Life Cycle Mgmt	3	HIMS 5654 Health Info Systems Analysis and Design	4
HIMS 5650 Healthcare Info Systems and Technology	3	HIMS 5540 Healthcare Data Management and Analysis	3
HIMS 5575 Project Management	1	HTHRHSC 4200 Analytical Scientific Writing in HRS	3
HTHRHSC 5500 Introduction to Pathophysiology	4		
HTHRHSC 5510 Pharm Aspects of Practice in HRS	2	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>		

## YEAR 4

Autumn	Credits	Spring	Credits
HIMS 5635 Quality Mgt and Improvement in HC	3	HIMS 5537 Healthcare Data Trending and Analytics	3
HIMS 5620 Healthcare Reimbursement Systems	3	HIMS 5660 Healthcare Financial Management	2
HIMS 4645 Mgt & Professional Dev for Health Info	4	HIMS 4685 Certification Review Course	2
HIMS 5655 Healthcare Database Administration	3	HIMS 4689 HIM Professional Practice Experience II	6
HTHRHSC 4100 Reflection Seminar	1	HIMS 5656 Healthcare Business Intelligence	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

The above plan demonstrates how students may complete the HIMS program in eight semesters. It is **highly recommended** that students take all GE courses before the start of the professional program. Students may choose to take non-professional courses over summer terms. The professional curriculum is completed in sequence and students may complete the program on a part-time basis with the program director's permission. However, **there is no provision for evening only enrollment.**

Students who intend to transfer credit to Ohio State may view how credit is accepted on [Transferology.com](https://www.transferology.com).

Ohio State academic programs are designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure and certification and state licensing board contact information [here](#) for online programs and [here](#) for on-campus programs.

Questions? Contact the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at 614-292-1706 or [HRSstudentservices@osumc.edu](mailto:HRSstudentservices@osumc.edu)

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