**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. HIMS professionals manage the resources, people, operations and systems that support the administration and evaluation of health services. 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**

1. 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.

2. Prerequisite Courses
   All prerequisite courses or their equivalents must be completed with a C- or higher by the end of summer term, 2022.

3. 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 term. The application deadline for Autumn 2022 is January 31, 2022 for domestic students, December 31, 2021 for international students. The professional program will begin August 23, 2022.

**PREREQUISITE COURSES**

These courses must be completed prior to beginning the professional program. Ohio State course numbers shown below. Please speak with an advisor to discuss other potential course choices.

**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 1450.01
- Communication 2131
- Anatomy 2300.04
- Economics 2001.01
- HIMS 5648
- Accounting & MIS 2000 or 2200
- Human Physiology (EEOB) 2520
- Medical Terminology (HTHRHSC) 2500

Students who are first year (freshman) students may apply to the HIMS program, with first consideration given to those with at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA and completion of first year prerequisite courses or their equivalent, or a combination of first and second year prerequisites or their equivalent, with a C- or higher by the end of summer term 2022. If admitted by this path, students will complete remaining prerequisites following admission, then begin the professional program their third (junior) year.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The minimum total hours to graduate from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor’s of Science in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences is 120 credit hours. The Health Information Management and Systems program requires 125 credit hours, not including HTHRHSC 1100.01. Students should reference their degree audit to ensure they are completing all required components of the degree program. This includes general education, program prerequisites, and professional curriculum.

Prospective students such as baccalaureate degree-holders, transfer, international, or those that have time commitment issues such as student athletes and band members are strongly encouraged to meet with a pre-HRS advisor to discuss special circumstances which may apply.
## YEAR 1
### Autumn
- HTHRHSC 1100 Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Survey 1 Hrs
- MATH 1148 or higher 4 Hrs
- PSYCH 1100 3 Hrs
- Biology 1101 or 1113 4 Hrs
- **GE** 3 Hrs
- **Total:** 15 Hrs

### Spring
- English 1110.01 3 Hrs
- Biology 1102 or 1114 4 Hrs
- **Physical Science GE** 5 Hrs
- Communication 2131 3 Hrs
- **Total:** 15 Hrs

## YEAR 2
### Autumn
- Anatomy 2300.04 4 Hrs
- Economics 2001.01 3 Hrs
- Statistics 1450.01 3 Hrs
- **GE** 3 Hrs
- **Total:** 16 Hrs

### Spring
- EEOB 2520 3 Hrs
- ACCT&MIS 2000 3 Hrs
- HTHRHSC 2500 Medical Terminology 3 Hrs
- HIMS 5648 Microcomputer Applications in Health Sciences 2 Hrs
- **GE** 3 Hrs
- **GE** 3 Hrs
- **Total:** 17 Hrs

## YEAR 3
### Begin Professional Coursework

### Start Year 3:
- HIMS 3520 Fundamentals of Health Information Management 4 Hrs
- HIMS 3589 HIM Professional Practice Experience I 1 Hrs
- HIMS 5536 Healthcare Revenue Life Cycle Management 3 Hrs
- HIMS 5650 Healthcare Information Systems and Technology 3 Hrs
- HIMS 5575 Project Management 1 Hr
- HTHRHSC 5500 Introduction to Pathophysiology 4 Hrs
- HTHRHSC 5510 Pharmacological Aspects of Practice in HRS 2 Hrs
- **Total:** 18 Hrs

### Spring
- HIMS 5535 Clinical Coding Performance and Management 4 Hrs
- HIMS 5545 Fundamentals of Healthcare Law and Ethics in HIMS 3 Hrs
- HIMS 5654 Health Information Systems Analysis and Design 4 Hrs
- HIMS 5540 Healthcare Data Management and Analysis 3 Hrs
- HTHRHSC 5900 HS Research: Interpretation and Application 3 Hrs
- **Total:** 17 Hrs

## YEAR 4
### Autumn
- HIMS 5635 Quality Mgt and Performance Improvement in HC 3 Hrs
- HIMS 5620 Healthcare Reimbursement Systems 3 Hrs
- HIMS 4645 Mgt & Professional Dev for Health Inf Services 4 Hrs
- HIMS 5655 Healthcare Database Administration 3 Hrs
- **Total:** 13 Hrs

### Spring
- HIMS 5537 Healthcare Data Trending and Analytics 3 Hrs
- HIMS 5660 Healthcare Financial Management 2 Hrs
- HIMS 4685 Certification Review Course 2 Hrs
- HIMS 4689 HIM Professional Practice Experience II 6 Hrs
- HIMS 5656 Healthcare Business Intelligence 2 Hrs
- **Total:** 15 Hrs

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](http://Transferology.com).

Questions?

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