In 2014 AHIMA founded and convened the Global Health Workforce Council (GHWC), a diverse group of health information leaders from around the world whose purpose is to oversee the development of an internationally applicable health information curricula and competency, standard.

As e-health technologies expand globally, human resources are the most critical prerequisite for the implementation and ongoing management of HIT. Healthcare systems require a well-trained and highly skilled workforce. To ensure this workforce is available, comprehensive healthcare education and workforce strategy is needed, beginning with a solid curricula standard to guide education and training programs.

The GHWC’s goal is to develop a global academic curricula standard that will guide educational programming and workforce training in HIM, health informatics (HI), and HIT to increase the number of trained HIM, HI, and HIT professionals. The standard will be developed through an open and transparent process that seeks input and consensus from country-level workgroups and stakeholders.

In addition to the GHWC, there will be country-level workgroups where a lead organization brings stakeholders together to review and provide feedback on the global HIM/HI/HIT curricula standards and competencies.
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