Healthcare Outlook

Across the globe there have never been more challenges in healthcare than there are today. Countries, throughout the world are facing a shortage of healthcare workers at the same time they are tackling the need to advance their health technologies and data management infrastructure. Many countries have improved access to care and invested in the expansion of human resources and technology in healthcare. In addition, socioeconomic and demographic trends will create significant opportunities for healthcare in these countries to grow.

To ensure that a workforce ready to manage this transformation in healthcare is available, a comprehensive healthcare education and workforce strategy is needed in Health Information Management and Health Information Technology.

What is Health Information?

Health information is the practice of collecting, analyzing, and protecting critical health data and delivering it where and when it is needed to make the best care decisions. Health Information connects the clinical, operational, and administrative functions of care delivery in a variety of healthcare settings and does not rely on the use of specific systems or technology.

Health Information Professionals have many different roles in healthcare; however, each role is related to providing and maintaining data repositories to ensure accurate and accessible health data. Just like physicians that have different specialties, health information professionals benefit the health system either through accurate data collection or process improvement. Some professionals have high skill levels in technology or research while others ensure accurate documentation or with regulatory requirements as it relates to healthcare.

**Health Information Management (HIM)**
- Based in the practice of acquiring, analyzing, and protecting digital and traditional medical information in the workplace
- Trained in information management technology applications and workflow
- Manages health information and electronic health records
- Manages the quality of patient information
- Ensures the right information is available when and where it is needed
- Ensures information governance practices are in place and maintains the highest standards of data integrity, confidentiality, and security

**Health Informatics (HI)**
- Defines how health information is digitally captured, transmitted and utilized.
- Analyzes health data
- Advances decision-support, usability and workflow practices
- Includes practice & research focused with specialty domains:
  - clinical practice
  - management science
  - management engineering principles
  - healthcare delivery
  - public health
  - patient safety
  - information science
  - computer technology

**Health Information Technology (HIT)**
- Focuses on information and communication technologies
- Develops, manages and supports the framework used to manage and exchange health information in a digital format
- Works with software and hardware used to manage and store patient data
- Supports electronic health records and other health technologies
U.S. Department of Commerce (DoC) –
International Trade Association (ITA)

Market Development Cooperator Program (MDCP)

Equipping the Health Information Management (HIM) Workforce through Establishment of Educational Standards and Curricula to Meet Future Needs

For the most part, health technology requirements (e.g., electronic health records), standards (e.g., Health Level 7), and terminologies (e.g., SNOMED, ICD-10) are global in nature. All healthcare systems, regardless of how well financed or organized, need sufficient numbers of well-trained and highly skilled workers to meet the needs of implementing health information systems. *Human resources are the most critical prerequisite* for the implementation of Health Information.

A comprehensive healthcare education and workforce strategy is needed to ensure that the aim of building new and enhancing existing long-term international capacity and sustainability is met. In order to meet this need, the goals of this DoC/ITA/MDCP effort are three-fold:

1. Help create an educated and trained international workforce by providing workforce training materials and bringing international students to U.S. campuses. These efforts will include new students, those already working in the HIM/HIT field, and those working in other areas and wanting to change professions. The campuses includes associate, bachelors and graduate degrees with on-campus and online programs.
2. Develop an internationally applicable curriculum and make available Health Information education and workforce training standards.
3. Support country HIM/HIT educational needs in order to develop an internal HIM/HIT workforce with educational products and services including educational offerings, webinars and seminars, and consulting.

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BRYAN UNIVERSITY ONLINE
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS GUIDE

Earn the same high-quality, accredited US degree online from your home country as you would on campus – no need to obtain a US visa. Bryan University Online, based in Tempe, Arizona, offers cutting-edge, internet-based, online programs to residents from countries outside of the United States - please visit http://bryanuniversity.edu for all degrees offered. For more than 75 years, Bryan University has a proven track record of helping students succeed.

Bryan University online programs are delivered in an adaptive, experiential learning environment where students receive personalized learning experiences using innovative curriculum and simulated work environments, combined with adaptive, computer-based learning tools. Students engage with classmates via interactive conversations, virtual classes, and group work, and receive personalized coaching and mentoring from instructors. Students also have the unique ability to use instructor feedback to re-submit assignments to improve their grade, along with flexible assignment due dates since we understand that sometimes life can be challenging. Students become part of a vibrant, diverse online community with fellow students from around the globe, alumni, instructors, and others who provide support and celebrate success along the way. Students not only develop colleagues who will help coach and assist them during their college experience, but they also build a professional network—for life.

To apply for admission to any of the Bryan University online programs, please complete the following steps:

1. Be at least 18 years of age and complete the online application, located here. You will be prompted to create an account using your email address and a password. After creating your account, you can login and complete the application. If you encounter an issue, please contact technical support at +1 602 384 2555.
2. Pay the $25 USD application fee, which can be done via credit card at the completion of your online application; or, if you prefer a different payment method, please contact admissions at: +1 602 384 2555 or international@bryanuniversity.edu to obtain the proper forms.
3. Complete an online virtual tour and interview with an Admissions Advisor. The tour is done virtually over the internet using Zoom, which is similar to Skype, and requires a DSL internet connection or better. The purpose of the interview is to gauge the applicant’s interest and motivation, and discuss technology requirements outlined below.
4. Pass a brief online assessment.
5. Complete enrollment documents electronically, provided by your Admissions Advisor.
6. Provide official transcripts for proof of high school diploma or equivalent to:
   Bryan University, Office of International Admissions
   350 West Washington Street
   Tempe, AZ  85281
7. Provide proof of financial responsibility or financial support. Examples include bank statement or letter from your support source (such as a parent or employer).
8. Applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency by providing the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test score of 450 or higher on the paper-based test (PBT), 133 or higher on the computer-based test, 45 or higher on the internet-based test (iBT); or provide a TOEFL equivalent, such as the IELTS or MELAB.
9. Meet the online technology requirements set forth in Bryan University Catalog, which include having access to internet connection with a minimum upload speed of .5 Mbps and download speed of 1 Mbps.
10. Health Information Technology (HIT) Associate Degree applicants must also complete a background check (the cost for which is covered by the University), in addition to the requirements above. Additionally, HIT students complete simulated virtual lab work which does not require any specific immunizations or health insurance; however, these may be required by the clinical site for professional employment as determined by the employer.
11. Deadline: Bryan University offers students various start dates throughout the year; therefore, there are no specific application deadlines.
12. Once application materials have been submitted, the University will make an admission decision and inform the applicant within one week or less.
Go to the BCC International Students web site at:  http://www.bcc.edu/pages/174.asp

Click on the International Applicants link for the application. Submit application online.

All programs in the HIT department apply selective admission standards. Therefore, admission to the College does not guarantee admission to a program.

Applicants must be admitted to BCC and must also qualify for admission to their selected HIT program based on the following standards:

- Graduation from high school, or attainment of a GED, with successful completion (C grade or better) of high school level algebra and biology, or equivalent college course work.
- Students are also required to the Accuplacer assessment test to determine English, reading, writing and math proficiency. Successful completion of all required developmental courses as determined by the results of the College Assessment of reading, writing, and math skills.
- Successful completion (C grade or better) of any General Education courses, as required within the HIT degree curriculum.
- Submission of a completed health information technology program application with essays. http://staff.bcc.edu/hit/files/HIT%20All%20Programs%20Application.pdf
- Achievement of a BCC cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or greater at the time of admission.
- Submit all previous college transcripts to the BCC Admissions Department for evaluation. Any HIT courses on transcripts will be referred to the HIT program director for evaluation.

HIT Associate Degree specific standards:

- History Background Check (conducted by Adam Safeguard) with a satisfactory outcome is required. (Use school code: bcchit)
- Successful completion of the HESI Test. The test must be taken no more than two years prior to admission to the HIT program.
- Acceptance is on a rolling schedule. Program begins in the Fall semester.

ESL/Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for admission to the BCC HIT program.

Transcripts:

The Applicant must submit official course-by-course transcript of high school completion or its equivalent in English. If you wish to transfer in college credits, submit official transcript(s) of U.S. college(s) and/or World Education Services (WES) evaluation of foreign educational credentials. ALL transcripts MUST be official-COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED- Official transcript must be sent directly from the school or in a sealed envelope with school seal/stamp on envelope.

Have each U.S. college or university you attended send an official college transcript directly to BCC's International Office in place of your high school transcript.

International Office
Burlington County College
601 Pemberton Browns Mills Road
Pemberton, NJ 08068
Situated in thriving Columbus, Ohio, USA, Franklin University offers over thirty undergraduate majors, nine graduate programs, and a welcoming environment for international students, whether pursuing their education online from home or on-campus in the USA. An accredited university with experience meeting the needs of international students, Franklin University can help you pursue your goals.

The Franklin University College of Health & Public Administration provides a high quality, relevant education that encourages lifelong learning as our students grow in their healthcare and public service careers, enhancing the quality of life in diverse communities. Our vision is to provide excellence in healthcare and public administration education by preparing professionals to improve the quality of life in diverse communities through leadership and public service.

**Healthcare at Franklin University**

- Bachelor of Science - Health Information Management
- Bachelor of Science - Healthcare Management
- Bachelor of Science - Allied Healthcare Management *Requires patient care experience
- Bachelor of Science - Nursing *RN-BSN completion degree for registered nurses or equivalent
- Master of Healthcare Administration

Franklin University's Global Academic Programs are redefining the term “global” in terms of educational access, academic quality, and global sustainability. Franklin University offers the international community bachelor and master’s degrees, as well as customized education programs.

- Current partnerships in 11 countries around the world
- Over a decade of experience in providing education to the international community
- Courses offered online from your home, or on campus in the USA
- Dedicated support and advocacy through the Office of International Students and Programs

Now enrolling students online and accepting applications for on-campus programs starting soon!

Admissions requirements available at [www.franklin.edu](http://www.franklin.edu).

Request more information at [https://www.franklin.edu/inquiry](https://www.franklin.edu/inquiry), or let us know you are ready to start by submitting an application at [https://apply.franklin.edu](https://apply.franklin.edu).

The Office of International Students & Programs (OISP) at Franklin University strives to enhance the experiences of international students at Franklin University by providing advocacy, immigration, cultural, and programming support from the day you apply through graduation and beyond. We are committed to your success as an international student. Learn more at [www.franklin.edu/global](http://www.franklin.edu/global).

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Apply online at [http://international.iupui.edu/admissions/how-apply/](http://international.iupui.edu/admissions/how-apply/)

Click on each applicant type for more information.

Submit application online [https://onestart.iu.edu/sisad-prd/p/Guest.do?methodToCall=start&inst=IUINA&career=UGRD](https://onestart.iu.edu/sisad-prd/p/Guest.do?methodToCall=start&inst=IUINA&career=UGRD)

1. Submit required academic records. Transcript evaluation is completed by: IUPUI International Admissions Office.
2. Submit SAT or ACT scores if you attended secondary school in a U.S. or Canadian high school and plan to enter IUPUI within six months of graduation. SAT or ACT scores are not required if you attended secondary school outside of the U.S. or Canada.
3. Submit IELTS or TOEFL Scores if English is not your first language.
4. Submit required immigration documents. For students applying for admission from abroad, these include the following:
   a. I-20 Request Form – this is required by U.S. embassies around the world for the issuance of an F-1 student visa.
   b. Copy of Passport (six month validity)
   c. Certification of Finances Form
   d. Original financial support documents (all documents showing sources of funding)
   e. Dependent documents if applicable
5. Required immunizations, you must show that you have received immunizations or show proof of immunity to several diseases if you will be living in official IUPUI housing:
   a. 2 MMR vaccines OR 2 measles and 1 rubella
   b. 3 Hepatitis B vaccines (or sign waiver)
   c. Meningococcal meningitis vaccine after the age of 16 (or sign waiver)
6. Minimum health insurance requirements for students with F and J non-immigrant status
   a. $100,000 for each sickness or illness (for women this must include maternity/pregnancy care)
   b. $100,000 for each accident or injury
   c. $50,000 for medical evaluation (in case you may need to return home for medical treatment
   d. $25,000 for repatriation (in case of death, this covers the cost of returning the body to the home country)
   e. Additional, the deductible cannot exceed $500 per accident or illness.
   f. $100,000 for each sickness or illness (for women this must include maternity/pregnancy care)
   g. [http://international.iupui.edu/indianapolis/health-insurance/insurance-students.html](http://international.iupui.edu/indianapolis/health-insurance/insurance-students.html) is including in the fees for the student if they choose to be.
7. Minimum GPA requirements
   a. For freshman students: we look for "B" average or above average grades, with strong grades in math and science. Details see: [http://international.iupui.edu/admissions/how-apply/freshman/admission-standards.html](http://international.iupui.edu/admissions/how-apply/freshman/admission-standards.html)
   b. For transfer students: [http://international.iupui.edu/admissions/how-apply/transfer/admission-standards.html](http://international.iupui.edu/admissions/how-apply/transfer/admission-standards.html)
8. Deadlines: Undergraduate students applying for admission to IUPUI from abroad must note the following deadlines for submission of all academic application materials:
   a. Fall semester admission, March 1st
   b. Spring semester admission, October 1st
9. Once application materials have been submitted, how long does it take to hear an admission decision? After you submit your application and all of your materials, the waiting period until you hear if you have been admitted is usually four to six weeks. Lean more about what happens after you apply, including how to check your admission status: [http://international.iupui.edu/admissions/after-apply/index.html](http://international.iupui.edu/admissions/after-apply/index.html)
LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY
Master’s of Science in Health Informatics Program
International Student Guide

The Office of International Student Services at Loma Linda University (LLU) provides support for all international students applying to and enrolled at LLU. Contact information for International Student Services is below:

11139 Anderson Street
Loma Linda, CA 92350
Intlstdsrv@llu.edu
909-558-4955

NOTE: If you are opting for the on-line modality, you may complete the degree without traveling to the United States. Prospective students applying to/enrolling in the on-campus modality should seek assistance from International Student Services.


10. Submit required academic records as directed in the application.

11. Transcripts:
   a. Transcripts that are hand-carried or mailed to LLU by anyone other than the issuing institution, even if notarized or in a sealed envelope, are not considered official.
   b. Official transcripts/marks are required from all post-secondary institutions from which you have received academic credit, whether or not the work pertains to your LLU degree.
   c. All final, official transcripts and other admissions documents must be received and processed before an acceptance can be offered to an international applicant. International students must have all required admissions documents processed before an I-20 can be issued.
   d. Request official transcripts to be addressed to “Admissions Processing” and mailed to the above address.

12. Conditional acceptances cannot be offered to international applicants.

13. Official Degree Certificate - Any international transcript (or individual mark sheet) that does not list the degree awarded or graduation information, including specific degree earned and date awarded, must be supported by an official degree certificate/diploma or school-verified/attested copy of the degree certificate and be mailed directly from the issuing institution to LLU. Further information is available at http://www.llu.edu/central/apply/intltrans.page.

14. English Translations - Precise, word-for-word, English translations are required for all foreign language documents. Further information is available at http://www.llu.edu/central/apply/intltrans.page.

15. Evaluations of International Coursework
   a. All international (non-US) transcripts, including high school, must be submitted to one of the following evaluation services. Evaluations by companies other than those listed are not accepted.
   b. Results of the evaluation are to be sent directly to LLU from the evaluation service. All evaluation reports are advisory. LLU reserves the right to make final equivalency decisions.
      1. World Education Services (WES) [further information on WES: http://www.llu.edu/central/apply/intltrans.page.]
      2. American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)
      3. Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc (ECE)
      4. American Education Research Corporation (AERC)

16. English Proficiency:
   - Regardless of nationality or citizenship, an applicant whose native language is not English or whose secondary education has been given outside the U.S. is required to pass a test of English proficiency.
   - Test results/scores are to be sent directly to LLU from the testing service.
   - University minimum scores:
      i. TOEFL scores are valid for two years from the test date. If it has been more than two years since the test taker last took TOEFL, the test must be taken again. The institution code for Loma Linda University is 4062. TOEFL minimum scores:
         1. 80 - Internet-based
         2. 550 - paper-based, including a minimum final score of 5.0 on the TWE part (Test of Written English)
      ii. IELTS scores are valid for two years from the test date. LLU minimum score is 6.5
      iii. MELAB LLU minimum score is 77

17. Program Admission Requirements:
   a. Provide evidence of completion of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. college or university, or the foreign equivalent of a bachelor’s degree
   b. Provide three letters of recommendation that indicate a strong academic background and professional readiness
   c. Interview, if deemed necessary
   d. Complete the LLU application, including personal statement, and submit application fee.
   e. Minimum GPA of 3.0. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) may be requested and considered for GPA’s less than 3.0.

18. Deadlines: Application close on August 1st of each Academic year.
LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY  
Health Informatics and Information Management Undergraduate Program  
International Student Guide

Apply online [http://iso.latech.edu/](http://iso.latech.edu/). This website is the official website for International Students. This website will also provide you with tuition and fees. Tuition and fees will vary depending on the amount of hours pursued each quarter.

**Application Checklist:**

1. Completed Undergraduate Application Form
2. Non-refundable application fee -$30.00 (payable by check, money order, or credit card (include card number and expiration date)
3. Completed Educational Background sheet
4. Completed Financial Support Statement showing proof of available yearly funds to cover each year of study in the form of a statement of account
5. Official academic records and transcripts (High School GPA of 2.5). Certified translations of supporting documents in English must accompany all documents.
6. Original TOEFL (more than 525 on PBT or 195 on CBT or 71 on iBT) report or 6.5 on IELTS or ESL Level 12; ELS classes are available through the ELS Language Center located on campus.

You must also submit a medical history form, housing application, international transfer form (if applicable), copy of most recent I-20 and current I-94 card (if applicable), copy of associates degree (if applicable), and copy of OPT card (if applicable). This must be mailed to:

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICE  
LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY  
P.O. BOX 3037  
RUSTON LA 71272  
U.S.A.

Quarter Start Dates for 2014-2015:

- Fall Quarter: September 4, 2014
- Winter Quarter: December 3, 2014
- Spring Quarter: March 11, 2015
- Summer Quarter: June 3, 2015

Once applications have been submitted and approved by the university, your transfer credits (if applicable) will be submitted to the Health Informatics and Information Management Department and they will be evaluated. If you do not have transfer credit, you will then be assigned an advisor and your advisor will create a Plan of Study for your time at Louisiana Tech University. You will be advised for the current quarter and placed in classes. Your schedule will be approved when your tuition and fees are paid.

**Online Courses:**

- Our curriculum can also be completed in the online format. If you complete courses online there will be a $100 per credit hour fee added onto your tuition. Therefore, if you take a three hour course you will be charged $300. The online fees are used to keep all technology and software up to date.
This program is not eligible for F-1 student visa status. Program offered online only. Foreign students may be accepted in the program, but will remain in their country of origin to complete the program.

Apply online at http://www.midland.edu/students/academics/international.php. Click on the International Applicants link for more information. Submit application online.

Follow the steps below:

19. Submit required academic records. Transcript evaluation must be completed by the following:
20. Submit SAT or ACT scores if less than 60 credit hours. TSI state requirement test is required prior to enrollment, but waived if student has already completed a Bachelor degree. Bachelor degree students have waived TSI with an evaluation of foreign transcript through Foreign Credentials Service of America (see #1 above).
21. Minimum score of 79 on the TOEFL iBT (test of English as a Foreign Language). This requirement is for students born and educated through high school outside the United States. The TOEFL score is valid for two years.
22. Submit required documents to the HIM Department at Midland College.
   a. Copy of Passport (six month validity) for photo ID.
   b. Program Application
   c. Evaluated transcript from Foreign Credentials Service of America.
23. Required immunizations and health insurance may be required by the clinical site for the professional experience course. These documents are not required upon admission, but will be placed based on the clinical site requirements determined by the site.
24. Minimum GPA requirements for college work. Overall scores must be 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
25. Deadlines: Undergraduate students applying for admission to Midland College from abroad must note the following deadlines for submission of all academic application materials:
   a. Fall semester admission, June 1st
   b. Spring semester admission, Sept 1st
26. Application timeline: The Admissions office does not have a specific turnaround time; however, students can expect a minimum of 4 weeks to process applications. Both an application to the college and to the HIM program are required. See www.midland.edu/him for an application. Health Information Management program admissions are typically made within one month but can be delayed if complete application packet is not complete.

Additional Information to consider:

A. Proctored examinations are required periodically during the course of the program. A college, university, or public library qualifies as an acceptable site. Proctor information is required after acceptance into the program.
B. Students are required to complete professional practice experience either at a healthcare facility, clinic, or through virtual clinical experience.

For questions about the admission process, contact Shep Grinnan at sgrinnan@midland.edu or admissions@midland.edu.

For questions about the HIM program, contact us at www.midland.edu/hitech

Midland College, HIM Department, DFHS Building
3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas, USA 79705
432-685-5591
NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS PROGRAM
(Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics, Graduate Certificate in Medical Informatics, Graduate Certificate in Public Health Informatics,
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

Apply online at http://medicine.nova.edu/msbi.

1. Complete the online application. Payment of a non-refundable application fee of $50.00 is required to complete the application.
2. Provide one letter of recommendation from a supervisor or co-worker who is familiar with the applicant's character, scholastic aptitude, and work ethic. This letter should be on letterhead and include contact information and a signature.
3. Provide official transcripts of all undergraduate, graduate, and professional education taken at U.S. institutions.
4. Provide official course by course evaluation of all foreign transcripts. A list of agencies that can complete this evaluation can be found at http://www.nova.edu/internationalstudents/prospective/credentialservices.html.
5. Applicants whose native language is not English are required to demonstrate English proficiency. The following standardized tests currently satisfy the university's English requirement for nonnative English speakers:
   a. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) 213 on the computer-based test; 79-80 on the Internet based test.
   b. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) 6.0 on the test module.
   c. GMAT score of 450; GRE score of 1,000 (old format); GRE score of 306 (new format).
   d. Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) with a score of at least 500 in the reading section, or the American College Test (ACT) with a score of at least 20 on the verbal section.
Test results must be sent directly from the testing agency to the center you applied. Proof of English language competency can also be in the form of successful completion of a degree at an approved U.S. institution of higher education.
6. The Office of International Students and Scholars handles I-20 requirements after a full admission to the program has been granted. Please see http://www.nova.edu/internationalstudents/prospective/i20.html for a list of requirements.
7. All students of the Biomedical Informatics Program are required to maintain adequate health insurance. For more information please see http://www.nova.edu/smc/health_insurance.html.
8. Minimum GPA requirements: cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above, on a 4.0 scale (preferred). An applicant with a GPA of less than 3.0 may be admitted as a non-degree seeking student in order to provide the opportunity to demonstrate academic competency. Please contact the program office at msbi@nova.edu for more information.
9. Current term and application deadlines can be found online at http://medicine.nova.edu/msbi/admissions/application_deadlines.html.
10. Once application materials have been submitted, how long does it take to hear an admission decision? Once a complete application has been received an applicant will typically receive a response in no more than two weeks and often less depending on the status of the Committee on Admissions (COA) and Admissions Office.
Apply online at https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX   An I-20 will be created by Texas State University and mailed to any student who indicates in the application that an F-1 visa is needed.

1. Submit required academic records. Transcript evaluation will be completed by the Undergraduate Admissions office.

2. SAT or ACT scores: not required for a student with 30+ hours. However, strong results on either test could favorably affect the admission decision and provide an academic advisor with valuable information for course placement purposes. Strong test scores may also qualify the student for a Texas State Assured Scholarship. http://www.finaid.txstate.edu/scholarships/freshman/assured.html

International students who plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics are required to meet SAT score requirements for NCAA purposes.

3. English Proficiency: Students must provide proof of English proficiency with one of the following requirements: http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/international/english-proficiency

4. Submit required immigration documents.
   a. Passport or Permanent Resident Card: student must send Texas State a copy of the page in passport listing the student's name.
   b. Financial Responsibility: all (F1) student visa and (J1) scholar holders must provide verification of financial ability to undertake their proposed course of study. http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/international/financial-responsibility.html

5. Required immunizations:
The meningococcal meningitis vaccine is the only requirement for an international student under the age of 21. In addition, the student should check with his/her home country for any additional required immunizations. Testing for infectious tuberculosis (TB) is recommended for students in areas were TB is prevalent, such as Southeast Asia, Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean and Russia.

6. Health insurance requirements for all international students:
   a. All international students on non-immigrant visas are subject to the mandatory health insurance requirement. These visa categories include, but are not limited to: B2, F1, F2, H1, H4, J1, J2, L1, L2.
   b. International students are required to purchase the student health insurance plan or show proof of comparable insurance to the Student Health Center.

7. Minimum GPA requirements:
   a. Health Information Management program: 2.5 out of 4.0

8. Deadlines: Undergraduate students applying for admission to Texas State University from abroad must note the following deadlines for submission of all academic application materials:
   a. Fall semester admission, May 1st
   b. Spring semester admission, October 1st
   c. Summer semester admission, May 1st
   d. Health Information Management program specific application deadlines are March 1st for Fall semester of junior year

9. Once application materials have been submitted, how long does it take to hear an admission decision?
   a. The University Admissions office does not have a specific turnaround time.
   b. Health Information Management program admissions are typically made within two months but can be delayed if complete application packet is not submitted by the deadline.
Online Studies International Admissions Checklist

Step 1: Determine the applicant’s citizenship/visa status. Applicant must submit documents along with the completed online application according to their status.

a. Are they a US Citizen?
   If Yes, skip to Step 2, International Transcripts.
   If No, then
b. Are they a Lawful Permanent Resident, here on a visa, or requesting a student visa for on campus study? If they are here on a visa, then what kind of visa?  
   Refer to the corresponding section below:

Lawful Permanent Resident must submit:
   — Copy of green card (I-551), front and back, or
   — If I-551 is in pending status, must submit copy of Notice of Action
       (this may affect financial aid eligibility).

Non-student Visas (including H-1B) must submit:
   — Copy of visa or I-94, front and back, or Notice of Action
   — Copy of the applicant’s passport first page (name-page) which includes photo.

International applicants living in their home country:
   — TOEFL score (optional)
     TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) test scores, including the TWE (Test of Written English) essay rating. A score of 550 on the written test, score of 213 on the computer-based test or a score of 79 on the iBT TOEFL test or a four on the TWE essay rating are required for admission. The British International English Test (IELTS), will also be acceptable, a minimum score of 6.5 is required for admission;

Student Visa (F or J visas only; CSS cannot accept M visas):
   Limited online learning allowed: only one course per full time load per semester.

Step 2: Do they have International Transcripts?
   If No, then they submit official US transcripts.
   If Yes, applicant must submit:
   — ECE or WES Course-by-Course Evaluation
     — Completed within two years of application
     — Shows US equivalency of a bachelor’s degree & required GPA
   — Copy of official transcript or verified transcript from ECE or WES
   — Copy of English translation of transcript

Or, for undergrad apps, if applicant has no college credit, submit notarized/certified or original secondary school transcript:  
Students must have completed a college preparatory program in secondary school. This program should include coursework in the humanities, laboratory sciences, mathematics, social sciences and history. Applicants must have ranked in the top one-third of their secondary school class.
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
Health Informatics & Information Management Undergraduate Program
International Student Guide

Apply online at http://admissions.ucf.edu/ Click on the International Applicants link for more information.

Submit application online.

1. Submit required academic records. Transcript evaluation must be completed by one of the following companies:
   a. World Education Services – www.wes.org
2. Submit SAT or ACT scores if less than 60 credit hours.
3. Submit IELTS or TOEFL Scores if English is not your first language.
4. Submit required immigration documents. For students applying for admission from abroad, these include the following:
   a. I-20 Request Form – this is required by U.S. embassies around the world for the issuance of an F-1 student visa.
   b. Copy of Passport (six month validity)
   c. Certification of Finances Form
   d. Original financial support documents (all documents showing sources of funding)
   e. Dependent documents if applicable
5. Required immunizations, you must show that you have received immunizations or show proof of immunity to several diseases:
   a. 2 MMR vaccines OR 2 measles and 1 rubella
   b. 3 Hepatitis B vaccines (or sign waiver)
   c. Meningococcal meningitis vaccine after the age of 16 (or sign waiver)
6. Minimum health insurance requirements for students with F and J non-immigrant status
   a. Must include at a minimum: Basic benefits, inpatient/outpatient mental health care, maternity benefits, inpatient/outpatient prescription medication, coverage to return student’s remains to home country or to transport student to home country for treatment as ordered by a physician.
   b. Exclusion for pre-existing condition(s): first six months of policy period at most.
   c. Deductibles are maximum of $50 at Student Health Center or $100 at an off campus ambulatory care or hospital emergency room facility.
   d. Minimum coverage: $200,000 for covered injuries/illnesses per policy year.
7. Minimum GPA requirements
   a. UCF: Varies and is not published.
   b. Health Informatics and Information Management program: 2.5 out of 4.0
8. Deadlines: Undergraduate students applying for admission to UCF from abroad must note the following deadlines for submission of all academic application materials:
   a. Fall semester admission, March 1st
   b. Spring semester admission, September 1st
   c. Summer semester admission, January 1st
   d. Health Informatics and Information Management program specific application deadlines are March 1st for Fall semester of junior year or October 1st for Spring semester of junior year
9. Once application materials have been submitted, how long does it take to hear an admission decision?
   a. The University Admissions office does not have a specific turnaround time.
   b. Health Informatics and Information Management program admissions are typically made within one month but can be delayed if complete application packet is not submitted by the deadline.
The University of Cincinnati International Services (http://www.uc.edu/international/services.html) supports the needs of international students at the University of Cincinnati. The office assists international students in understanding the rules, regulations, and procedures that must be followed during your stay in the United, and provides support services and cultural information to students.

Location: Suite 3134, One Edwards Center
Phone: (513) 556-4278

Please note, because this is an online degree program, you may complete the degree without traveling to the United States. If you plan on completing the degree while you are in the United States please seek additional guidance from International Services.

1. To apply to the MSHI program, submit the application online by the application deadline at: http://grad.uc.edu/admissions.

   Deadlines: Graduate students applying for admission to UC from abroad should submit application materials before the deadline specified on the mshi.uc.edu website. We admit 3 times a year so you may apply for a fall, spring or summer start date.
   - For admission requirements please visit our program website at mshi.uc.edu or contact the Program Director – Dr. Wangia at wangiava@ucmail.uc.edu.

2. Post-mail official undergraduate transcript(s) in English. You must submit a transcript showing a conferred U.S. bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or an equivalent degree from another country. If your Bachelor’s degree was granted at an institution outside the United States, please submit your transcript evaluation.
   Transcript evaluation must be completed by
   a. World Education Services – www.wes.org
   Please contact the Program Director at wangiava@ucmail.uc.edu if you are considering other options.

3. Submit TOEFL or IELTS Scores if English is not your native language. Please note, an Oral English Proficiency Test (OEPT) may be required. The OEPT tests the spoken language skills of non-native speakers of English. An overall score of 3.0 is the minimum passing score for the test

4. GRE or GMAT scores are not required

5. Health Insurance
   All international students are required to carry University of Cincinnati student health insurance unless they qualify for a waiver. Semester fees are automatically assessed each registration period. Please see http://grad.uc.edu/student-life/awards/gshi.html for more information on the Graduate Assistant/Fellow Health Insurance Award.

6. Health Screening
   The University of Cincinnati requires a health screening of all international students at University Health Services. It is imperative that you consult the letter from the University Health Services (http://www.uc.edu/uhs.html) that is included in your pre-arrival packet. It contains an immunization record sheet that must be completed, signed, and sealed by a medical official. Failure to complete the evaluation upon arrival will result in cancellation of classes for the subsequent semester. If classes are cancelled, the student will be in violation of immigration status.

7. Minimum GPA requirements
   a. 3.0 or Foreign equivalent

8. Once application materials have been submitted, how long does it take to hear an admission decision?
   a. About 2 weeks if your file is complete
The University of Missouri, home to the world's first computerized laboratory system, has been a leader in health and biomedical informatics research since the 1960s. The University began offering training in health and biomedical informatics in the 1970s and counts among its alumni some of the leading figures in the field. Today, that tradition of excellence continues in two educational programs available through the Department of Health Management and Informatics, the Master of Science in Health Informatics Program and the Health Informatics Ph.D. Program.

A dual degree is also offered within the department (MHA/HI), which takes three years to complete.

**Application/Admission**
Students applying for the residential program will begin in the fall semester and those applying to the executive begin each spring. We have a rolling enrollment, which means there are not deadlines. However, we suggest having applications in by March 31 for the residential students, and October 31 for the executive.

**Career Opportunities**
The residential HI program prepares students to pursue careers in a wide range of healthcare organizations and related settings, such as hospitals and clinics, pharmaceutical firms, health insurance companies, research labs, governmental and non-governmental agencies, and beyond. The program focuses on understanding, designing and developing information technologies to transform and integrate health systems in the 21st century. The program fosters students' research interests in health and biomedical informatics and encourages those with excellent academic performance to pursue the PhD degree.

**Program Highlights**
Course work combines classes in computer science, health and biomedical informatics, and health management. The core HI curriculum includes courses in health information systems; information storage, retrieval and management; and research methods and outcomes analysis. Special areas of concentration include electronic health-care records, information systems for managing health, telemedicine, and bioinformatics. All candidates must complete 36 hours of coursework for the residential students and executives must complete 33 hours.

**Ernst & Young Scholarships**
The consulting firm of Ernst & Young has recognized the need to prepare executive leaders who can bring knowledge of advanced information technology to strategic and operational decision making in integrated health systems. In response to this need, Ernst & Young has created scholarships for students in the Master of Science in Health Informatics Program. Ernst & Young Scholarships will be presented to outstanding applicants each year.

**Additional Information**
Each Fall and Spring 30 students are accepted into the MHA program, and 30 students into the HI program.
Application Deadlines

Undergraduate

Fall admission: March 1
Undergraduate International students transferring from a school other than the University of Pittsburgh must apply through the University of Pittsburgh’s Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. Questions? E-mail intladm@pitt.edu.

Graduate

Fall admission: March 1*
Spring admission: September 1
Summer admission: February 1

Refer to the main Admissions page (https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/Admissions/) to access admission criteria, requirements and the application process information for your program of interest. *Please note that if a program deadline is prior to the deadline above you must submit your application by the program deadline.

Academic Credential Evaluation

International applicants applying to the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS) are required to have their academic credentials evaluated by one of the agencies listed on the website.

Verification of English Language Proficiency

The University of Pittsburgh accepts TOEFL or IELTS test scores to verify English Language Proficiency.

Process of Issuing Visa Documents

Upon receiving an offer of admission, you will be requested to notify the school that you accept the offer of admission. At that time, you will be required to also complete and submit an International Graduate Student Supplemental Form which includes a Certification of Financial Responsibility.

Additional information on the BS in HIM: https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/admissions_him/

Additional information on MS HIS: https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/mshis/

Additional information on MS HSM: https://www.shrs.pitt.edu/mshsm/
This program is not eligible for student visa status in the U.S. Program offered online only. Foreign students may be accepted in the program, but will remain in their country of origin to complete the program. Apply online at [http://www.uthsc.edu/admissions/international-students.php](http://www.uthsc.edu/admissions/international-students.php). Click on the Apply Now button to submit application online.

Follow the steps below:

- Submit required academic records. Transcript evaluation must be completed by either Education Credit Evaluators or World Education Services.
- Complete the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and send the test results to The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Office of Enrollment Services, 910 Madison Avenue, Suite 520, Memphis, TN 38163. UTHSC's school code is: 1850
- Minimum score of 79 on the TOEFL iBT (Internet-based exam).
- Submit all required documents to the UTHSC Office of Enrollment Services.
- Meet all of the program requirements which are available at [http://www.uthsc.edu/health-professions/him/graduate/admiss-requirements.php](http://www.uthsc.edu/health-professions/him/graduate/admiss-requirements.php)
- Minimum GPA requirements for college work. Overall scores must be 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Required immunizations and health insurance may be required by the clinical site for the professional practice courses. These documents are not required upon admission, but will be placed based on the clinical site requirements determined by the site.
- Application deadlines
  - Fall term deadline is April 1st
  - Spring term deadline is August 1st
  - There is no summer term application cycle

Additional Information to consider:

- Proctored examinations are required periodically during the course of the program. The program contracts with a remote proctoring service. Proctor information is provided after acceptance into the program.
- Students are required to complete professional practice experience at a healthcare facility.

For questions about the admission process, contact the Office of Admissions utshcadmit@uthsc.edu

For questions about the HIM program, contact us at [www.uthsc.edu/him](http://www.uthsc.edu/him)
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The Bachelor of Science of Health Informatics and Health Information Management (HIHIM) is a degree completion program. International applicants must have completed at least 90 quarter credits or earned an associate of arts or sciences degree from an accredited college or university in the United States to qualify for admission to the program.

International students interested in applying to the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics & Health Information Management program must apply both to the University of Washington and to the HIHIM major.

Official program and university admissions information specifically directed to international applicants including a link to online admissions application: [http://www.healthinformationmanagement.uw.edu/admissions/international](http://www.healthinformationmanagement.uw.edu/admissions/international)

Submit required academic records, i.e. official U.S. college and high school transcripts.

1. International students must submit English proficiency test scores that meet the minimum requirement for admission at the Seattle campus of the University of Washington. Exams must be taken before the application deadline. Official TOEFL or IELTS scores must be sent directly to the UW from the testing agency.

2. Minimum GPA admission requirement: 2.5 out of 4.0 for UW degree completion program.

3. Health Informatics and Health Information Management program minim GPA admission requirement: 2.5 out of 4.0

4. Admissions Deadlines: [http://www.healthinformationmanagement.uw.edu/admissions/#deadlines](http://www.healthinformationmanagement.uw.edu/admissions/#deadlines)

5. Once application materials have been submitted, how long does it take to receive notification of an admission decision?

   A. University of Washington Admissions Office does not have a specific turnaround time but all HIHIM applicants will be notified by early May.

   B. Health Informatics and Health Information Management program admissions are typically made within one month but can be delayed if complete application packet is not submitted by the deadline.

6. Once admitted to the University of Washington:

   A. Health Insurance: Washington State Law (WAC 478-160-260) requires that all international students have adequate health insurance. All registered international students, regardless of visa type, will be required to purchase UW student health insurance. For further information about health insurance at the university, consult the [International Student Insurance](http://www.healthinformationmanagement.uw.edu/admissions/international/finances.asp) page.

   B. Student Finances and Fees: [http://www.healthinformationmanagement.uw.edu/admissions/international/finances.asp](http://www.healthinformationmanagement.uw.edu/admissions/international/finances.asp)