Health Information Systems Certificate

Approx. program length: 10 months
Credits: 24
Cost per credit: $398
Format: Online

Bring IT skills into healthcare

Healthcare and information technology are two rapidly growing job sectors. Our undergraduate Health Information Systems Certificate is designed for those who want to work in both. You’ll focus on database concepts, information networking, system design and project management of health information systems. This certificate aligns with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Certified Associate in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CAHIMS) national exam.

In this certificate program, you’ll study:

- Strategies for success in health services administration
- Healthcare industry terms for IT professionals
- The foundation of IT in the healthcare environment
- Information systems risk management in healthcare

You can complete your program online in as little as 10 months. And you’ll take one 5-week course at a time, so you can balance work and life on the path to your certificate.

What sets us apart?

When you choose our Health Information Systems Certificate, you can:

Prep for the national exam
Our curriculum aligns with the HIMSS CAHIMS national exam. This offers peace of mind that your curriculum reflects the latest trends and best practices.

Gain practical skills
Position yourself to compete in healthcare IT management through teaching tools, lifelike simulations and case studies that reflect real-world situations.

Learn from healthcare pros
Taught by faculty with an average of 21 years of experience in healthcare, this certificate program integrates real-world health management principles.
Thinking about a BSHA?

Health Information Systems courses are transferrable to our Bachelor of Science in Health Administration program. Our BSHA program is a HIMSS Approved Education Partner. This means our BSHA meets rigorous standards for delivering effective healthcare and health IT education.

Networking opportunities

We’re part of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Academic Organizational Affiliate (AOA) program, which means we can offer our eligible students a complimentary HIMSS individual membership. The membership connects students with networking opportunities, career services, professional development opportunities and more.

University of Phoenix® students also have access to PhoenixLink™, our career services platform. Take advantage of personal career coaching. Search and apply for jobs, or make your résumé visible to employers. And connect with employers and alumni through career fairs and mixers. It’s all about connections. And we help you make them.

Learning outcomes

Along with the knowledge and skills related to the University Learning Goals, students should gain program-specific knowledge, skills and abilities. Each college or school creates a set of Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs) to describe the knowledge, skills or attitudes students will possess upon completion of the program of study. By the time you complete your Health Information Systems Certificate, you should be able to perform these learning outcomes.

The goal of accreditation is to ensure that education provided by institutions of higher education meets acceptable levels of quality. Accreditation is your assurance the University meets quality standards.

Institutional accreditation

Regional accreditation is an institution-level accreditation status granted by one of six U.S. regional accrediting bodies. Accreditation by more than one regional accrediting body is not permitted by the U.S. Department of Education.

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and its predecessor.
Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 24 credits to complete this certificate program.

Curriculum alignment

Our curriculum aligns with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Certified Associate in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CAHIMS) national exam. How does this benefit you? Industry alignment offers you peace of mind that your curriculum reflects the latest trends and best practices in today’s ever-changing healthcare climate.

Our Healthcare Information Systems Certificate program is also designed in close collaboration with senior and executive leaders across the healthcare IT industry to anticipate emerging needs and trends in this sector.

Core courses

- HCIS420: Information Systems Risk Management In Health Care
- NTC361: Network And Telecommunications Concepts
- HCIS410: Project Planning And Implementation In Health Care
- HCS234: Strategies For Success In Health Services Administration
- HCIS352: Foundations Of It In The Health Care Environment
- DBM381: Database Concepts
- HCIS318: Health Care Industry Terms For It Professionals
- BSA376: Systems Analysis And Design

While widely available, not all programs are available in all locations or in both online and on-campus formats. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.