



BACHELOR of SCIENCE in HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (#529)
 Department of Public Health
 College of Health and Human Services
 Western Kentucky University

Completion of an associate degree in HIM from a CAHIIM (www.cahiim.org) accredited program is required prior to application for program admission. The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected.

Success Markers

SAMPLE - academic plan

FIRST YEAR in HIM baccalaureate program at WKU	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	HIM 422-Clinical Evaluation & Outcomes	3	Connections: Social and Cultural** (K-SC)	(3)
	ENG 300 Writing in the Disciplines** (F-W2)	(3)	Connections: Local to Global Course** (K-LG)	(3)
	Natural & Physical Science with Lab** (E-NS, LS)	(4)	HCA 340-Healthcare Organizations & Management	3
	COMM 145 Fundamentals of Public Speaking** (F-OC)	(3)	Connections: Systems** (K-SY)	(3)
	ENG 200 Intro to Literature** (F-AH)	(3)	HIM 230-Computer Systems and Applications in Health Information Management*	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	3 (15)	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	6 (15)

WINTER TERM	Winter Term	
	PH 383-Biostatistics in Health Sciences OR HCA 401 Fundamentals of Health Care Financial Management	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	3

SUMMER TERM	Summer Term	
	PH 383-Biostatistics in Health Sciences OR HCA 401 Fundamentals of Health Care Financial Management	(3)
	HIM Elective	(4)
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	(7)	

SECOND YEAR in HIM baccalaureate program at WKU	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	CIT 310-Systems Architecture I	3	CIT 332-Systems Development II	3
	CIT 330-Systems Development I	3	CIT 492-Technology Management I	3
	CIT 350-Database Administration I	3	HIM 351-ICD 10 Coding*	1
	HCA 342-Human Resource Management for Health Care	3	HIM 450-Application and Analysis of HIM Theory	3
	HIM 350-Health Informatics Research	3	HIM 252-Healthcare Payment Systems*	3
			HIM Elective	4
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17

SUMMER TERM	Summer Term	
	HIM 495 – Capstone PPE	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	3

Credit Hours for Major: 54 (75)**
Total Credit Hours for Degree: 120 (credit hours for major, additional Colonnade credit hours as needed, transfer credit hours)

* If not previously completed as part of an HIM associate degree, students must complete HIM 230 and 252 or provide evidence of mastery of course content through satisfactory completion of a departmental examination(s).
 **Sample plan includes an example incorporation of additional Colonnade courses, with credit hours shown in parentheses that might be needed to fulfill WKU requirements. World Language Proficiency may also be needed to meet WKU requirements. Please consult with your advisor.

PLEASE NOTE: Prerequisites, Course Numbers, and Course Titles are subject to change. Consult your advisor each semester.

World Language Proficiency: All students entering in Fall 2014 or later must demonstrate proficiency in a world language at the Novice High level before completing 60 credit hours. Novice high is the ability to communicate in writing and speaking on familiar topics in simple sentences. To meet this requirement, students may take college language courses or take a proficiency test. For more information go to www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/.

Colonnade Plan: All students entering in fall 2014 or later must complete 39 hours in 13 specific Colonnade areas. Colonnade areas are listed in parentheses marked in blue after the corresponding classes. Some areas may have specific course requirements while others can be chosen from selected lists of options. For more details and to see lists of options, go to http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/documents/approved_colonnade_courses_website.pdf

Certain requirements for both the World Language Proficiency and the Colonnade Plan may be met through associate degree. Contact the WKU Transfer Center at 270-745-2178 for information on World Language and Colonnade requirements for transfer students

For more Information: Department: Public Health – Program of Health Information Management
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Course Descriptions: <http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/>