



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

**Completion of an associate degree in HIM from a CAHIIM ([www.cahiim.org](http://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**

<b>FIRST YEAR in HIM baccalaureate program at WKU</b>  <i>Join a Student Organization like Green Toppers</i>	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	HIM 230 – Computer Systems and Applications in Health Information Management*	3	CIT 310 – Systems Architecture I	3
	HIM 252 – Healthcare Payment Systems*	3	CIT 330 – Systems Development I	3
	HIM Elective	4	CIT 350 – Database Admin.	3
	HCA 340 – Healthcare Organization and Management	3	HCA 342 – Human Resources Management for Healthcare Managers	3
	(General Education Course C**)	(3)	(General Ed. Course A-II)**	(3)
			(ENG 300 – Writing in the Disciplines)**	(3)
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13 (16)</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12 (18)</b>

SUMMER TERM	Summer Term	
	(General Education Course B-I/B-II)**	(3)
	(General Education Course A-III)**	(3)
	(General Education Course B-II)**	(3)
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>(9)</b>

SECOND YEAR in HIM baccalaureate program at WKU	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	CIT 332 – Systems Development II	3	CIT 492 – Technology Mgmt I	3
	HIM 422 – Clinical Eval. & Outcomes	3	HCA 401 – Fundamentals of Health Care – Financial Mgmt <b>OR</b> HCA 445 – Healthcare Finance	3
	HIM 450 – App & Analy HIM Theory	3	HIM 350 – Health Informatics Research	3
	PH 383 – Biostatistics in Health Sci.	3	HIM 351 – ICD-10	1
	(General Education Course D-I)**	(3)	HIM Elective	4
	(General Education Course F)**	(2)	(General Education Course E)**	(3)
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b> <b>(17)</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b> <b>(17)</b>

SUMMER TERM	Summer Term	
	HIM 495 – Capstone	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>3</b>

**Credit Hours for Major: 54(80)\*\***  
**Total Credit Hours for Degree: 120 (credit hours for major, additional general education 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 general education courses, with credit hours shown in parentheses that might be needed to fulfill WKU general education/degree requirements. Please consult with your advisor.

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

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