What does this profession do?

Health information management (HIM) professionals lead efforts to ensure the availability, accuracy, integrity, and security of all data related to patient healthcare encounters resulting in better clinical and business decisions to enhance healthcare quality. HIM professionals work in a variety of settings throughout the healthcare industry including hospitals, physician offices and clinics, long-term care facilities, insurance companies, government agencies, home care providers, and companies providing services to the medical community.

Can I go on to earn a Bachelor’s degree in the same profession?

Yes, BSHIM is available at Texas State University.

Is there a state or national exam I must take before becoming employable?

Yes, RHIT (Registered Health Information Technology) certification. Due to state authorization requirements, Collin College is currently not offering the HIM program to students residing outside of the State of Texas.

What do I need to do to prepare?

Apply to Collin College as a degree seeking student. Complete prerequisites, complete Health Information Management application, attend information session, and take the TEAS exam.*

*If you have scores from the HESI or PSB tests within the last three years, submit them to the HIM program director for consideration.

What are the prereqs?

HITT 2471, HITT 1305, ENGL 1301, PSYC 2301 (preferred Social/Behavioral Science)

Students may complete first 2 semesters without applying to the program.*

*BIO 2404, Humanities/Creative Arts, HITT 1301, HITT 1311, HITT 1353, HITT 2435, ITSW 1304, ITSW 1307, MATH 1342

Will my other grades be taken into consideration, regardless of where or how long ago I took them?

"C" or better in the pre-requisites courses (HITT 1305, HITT 2471, ENGL 1301, PSYC 2301)

Minimum 60% on the TEAS test

To be considered for the program, the applicant should have a 2.5 GPA or better

How many application cycles a year?

2 application cycles, due 2nd Friday in November for Spring semester start; and 2nd Friday in May for Fall semester start.

Approx how many students will be accepted per application cycle? N/a

How long is the program if I am accepted?

2 semesters once accepted; entire degree is 5 semesters.

If I am a full-time working adult, will I be able to complete the program? Yes

Is there a mandatory information session? Yes

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Michelle Millen, MMillen@collin.edu, (972) 548-6676, or Academic Advising

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