Department Mission

The M.H.I.M. program aims to:

» prepare students for the emerging roles and functions within the health information management domain
» educate students to develop problem-solving skills for analyzing and evaluating systems, technology, regulations and data needs to create more efficient methods
» provide course work to support the varied aspects of HIM practice focusing on data management and analytics, compliance and regulations including patient privacy
» establish a framework for professional behavior and ethical principles for guiding decision-making and actions of health information management professionals
» conduct research that will exemplify and define the health information body of knowledge

The master’s program enables students to advance their knowledge in emerging areas of healthcare such as data analytics, information governance, consumer informatics and healthcare policy. The faculty members are committed, research-driven and bring diverse real-world experience into each online course.

– Melissa Walston-Sanchez, current M.H.I.M. student at Texas State University

The program prepares leaders in the field of health information and informatics with advanced knowledge and data analysis skills.
Why choose Texas State?
The online master of health information management (M.H.I.M.) program offers current and emerging content about the health information management (HIM) field with expanding reliance on patient data. M.H.I.M. students will be trained in the latest information management technology applications and understand the workflow in healthcare organizations from large hospital systems to private physician practices.

The M.H.I.M. degree program is the first in Texas that will support the evolving HIM domain of knowledge and ethical practice. The online delivery format provides flexibility to the student.

Course Work
The M.H.I.M. is a 36-hour degree program offered exclusively online that includes a 30-hour core of health information management course work plus six hours of electives or a thesis option. Electives in HIM, computer information systems and health administration allow students to select a curriculum aligned with their career goals. Students who choose the thesis option will complete six hours of thesis in lieu of electives.

Principal areas of study include:
- health data content structure and standards
- data security, privacy and ethics
- electronic health records throughout the enterprise
- informatics, analytics and data use
- healthcare finance and revenue cycle management
- quality improvement
- research methods
- compliance for HIM topics
- contemporary leadership principles for HIM

Faculty
Graduate faculty have established research in HIM-related topics which include healthcare finance and policy analysis, usability of health information technology, privacy/security of health information, consumer engagement, electronic health records and constructing requirements for health information systems. Faculty members’ research has been published in top-tier journals, including Perspectives in Health Information Management, The Journal of the American Health Information Management Association, The Health Care Manager and the Educational Perspectives in Health Informatics and Information Management.

Career Options
The job market for HIM professionals includes positions within a variety of settings:
- large medical and hospital systems
- private physician practice
- healthcare consulting companies
- software and service vendors
- healthcare-related organizations

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