Train in Alaska for a High Demand Career

Health care costs and the necessity to enhance the management of health care delivery systems have created an explosion in the demand for health care information specialists – people with the knowledge and skills necessary to process, analyze, and distribute health care information in diverse environments.

The UAS Sitka HIM program prepares students for a fast-paced, high-paying, in-demand field with opportunities to blend an interest in medicine with multifaceted information management challenges. Health information professionals use their knowledge of information technology and records management to form the link between clinicians, administrators, technology designers, and information technology professionals.

Graduates are eligible to sit for the national HIM examination; successful completion of the exam leads to the professional credential of Registered Health Information Technician.

“I wanted to be prepared for a job without running up debt. Now, I’m heading up a small hospital HIM program. The Sitka Campus didn’t just change my future - It set me on a new trajectory!”

—Morley Gordon
Health Information Technology Graduate
Health Information Management

Degree Requirements | 2 years, 62 credits

General Requirements
- WRTG 111 Writing Across Contexts 3
- WRTG 211/212 Writing and the Professions 3
- Oral Communication (COMM 111, COMM 235, COMM 237, COMM 241) 3
- HS 114 Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology 4
- PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology 3

Program Requirements
- HIM 101 Intro to Health Information Management I 3
- HIM 102 Intro to Health Information Management II 3
- HIM 117 Applied Healthcare Statistics 3
- HIM 135 Medical Terminology 3
- HIM 155 Coding I: Outpatient 3
- HIM 181 Introduction to Healthcare Systems 3
- HIM 240 Legal Aspects of Health Information 3
- HIM 251 Quality Improvement/Project Management 3
- HIM 255 Coding II: Inpatient 3
- HIM 258 Coding III: Advanced Coding 3
- HIM 261 Revenue and Financial Management for Healthcare 3
- HIM 272 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology 4
- HIM 280 Healthcare Management 3
- HIM 281 RHIT Certification Exam Preparation 1
- HIM 289 Healthcare Information Technology 3
- HIM 291 Internship: Healthcare Management 2

Please Note: HIM courses taken towards earning an occupational endorsement or certificate will apply to the HIM Associates degree.

For all online courses, you will need a computer with a good internet connection, either at your home or at your nearest UA partner campus.

Potential Careers

- Application Analyst
- Clinical Documentation Consultant
- Health Information Technician
- Medical Coder

- Medical Biller
- Medical Records Clerk
- Medical Records Technician
- Medical Billing Specialist

Additional UAS Opportunities

- Occupational Endorsement
  - Healthcare Information Technology
  - Certified Nurse Aide
- Certificate
  - Health Information Management Coding Specialist
  - Healthcare Privacy and Security
  - Medical Assisting
  - Pre-Radiologic Technology
  - Pre-Nursing Qualifications

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: uas.alaska.edu/academics

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