IS A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HITM RIGHT FOR YOU?

// If you are a clinical practitioner, mastering healthcare IT will offer you the opportunity to advance your career into management or other areas of the healthcare system.

// If you are interested in starting a career in healthcare, this certificate provides a fast and affordable route to entering a dynamic and growing profession where you will make a difference in people’s lives.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

// The Bryan School of Business and Economics at UNCG offers a comprehensive curriculum that provides you with the relevant and in-demand knowledge and skills healthcare IT managers need.

// Our faculty members have developed online courses that offer you the flexibility to pursue the certificate around your schedule.

// You may enter the program in the fall, spring, or summer semester and the certificate can be completed entirely online in as little as one calendar year of part-time study.

// Credits earned in the HITM Graduate Certificate can be transferred to the Bryan MSITM should you wish to pursue a master’s degree in Information Technology and Management or you may pursue the certificate jointly with the Bryan MBA with credit from the certificate applying toward the elective requirement for the MBA.

The Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Information Technology Management is designed to provide you with the knowledge and technical skills for a successful career in healthcare information technology management (HITM). You will learn to develop, implement, use and assess HITM applications. Upon completion of the program, you will be able to successfully manage the maintenance and security of the HITM applications (e.g., electronic medical records, scheduling and billing software) that healthcare providers rely on to deliver care. Most importantly, you’ll play an integral role in improving the quality, safety, and efficiency of the healthcare that people receive.
HITM CAREER PROSPECTS
The 2010 American Care Act requires hospitals and physicians’ offices to adopt HITM to ensure care quality and more importantly receive payments. The demand for skilled HITM professionals to manage these new systems is far greater than the number of people that currently possess the necessary skills.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there is a shortage of over 50,000 HITM professionals and employment is projected to increase by 15 to 20 percent over the next ten years.

A salary study conducted by the American Health Information Management Association in 2008 found that the average annual salary for a health information manager who holds a baccalaureate degree to be over $68,000 and this figure increases to nearly $82,000 for professionals with an advanced education such as a Graduate Certificate.

“A career in HITM allows a person to improve the quality of care that those in need receive. Moreover, it also contributes to improving the quality of life of those who deliver care directly – nurses and doctors.” Dr. Eric Ford Professor of Healthcare Administration

“Our recovery plan will invest in electronic health records and new technology that will reduce errors, bring down costs, ensure privacy, and save lives.” President Barack Obama Address to Joint Session of Congress February 24th, 2009

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTHCARE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

PROGRAM STRUCTURE
The Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Information Technology Management requires 12 credit hours (4 courses) of coursework.

All students are required to complete the following 3 courses (9 credit hours)
ISM 671: Data Management
ISM 680: HITM Applications Management
ISM 681: Decision Making in Healthcare

Additional hours to complete the program will come from any of the following courses (3-6 hours)
ISM 673: Networks and Telecommunications
ISM 675: Business Analytics
ISM 676: Information Security and Privacy
NUR 614: Information Technology in Nursing Service Administration
HEA 651: Advanced Health Promotion in Higher Education

All courses are 3 credit hours.

***Independent Field Study Experience***
For course descriptions go to: hitm.uncg.edu
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Completed online application with non-refundable fee
One official transcript from baccalaureate degree granting institution(s). Transcripts from foreign universities must be evaluated by a NACES accredited evaluation service
Cover letter expressing your interest in the program
Resume
TOEFL/IELTS may be required for non-native English speakers
Three letters of recommendation
The GMAT/GRE is not required for admissions.

DEADLINES

Domestic Students
Fall: July 1
Spring: November 1
Summer: April 1

International Students
Fall: May 15
Spring: September 15
Summer: February 15

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