



The University of Kansas offers a bachelor's degree in health information management, an exciting health profession focused on managing health data and information to improve health care delivery. This degree program includes hands-on learning in a variety of health care settings and interprofessional education opportunities with other health care professionals. The curriculum focuses on health care management, data and information management practices, health information systems and technology, health care delivery systems, and clinical concepts.

Graduates of this program are positioned to become leaders in health care with the skills required to analyze and manage health data and information, including the systems, processes, and teams of people who work with health data and information. Those with a degree in health information management may find work in varieties of settings including at health information technology companies, hospitals, physician offices, health insurance companies, and government agencies, among others.

The HIM program begins in August when students enter their first semester of professional coursework on the KU Medical Center campus in Kansas City, KS, and culminates in a 4-week capstone professional experience at the end of the spring semester of the second year. The online program begins both fall and spring semesters with individualized course plans. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) certification exam offered by the American Health Information Management Association and become credentialed in this health profession.

Students in this degree program can pursue admission to a joint accelerated degree option, the bachelor of science in health information management + master of science in health informatics (BSHIM to MSHI Joint Accelerated Degree) offered by the department.

### **Eligibility and Prerequisites**

- Students enter the program after accumulating two (2) years of college course work, including prerequisite courses, totaling at least 60 hours to qualify for KU graduation with a total of 120 hours after completing this program.
- Students may apply if currently enrolled or working towards prerequisite coursework. However, all prerequisites must be completed before the start of the program.
- An overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for college coursework is required to be eligible to apply. No grade lower than a "C" is accepted in any prerequisite course.
- All individuals admitted to the program will be asked to verify that they can meet the [technical standards](#) with or without accommodations.
- Acceptance into the program is conditional, pending the results of the criminal background check.
- Students in this program are required to have a computer that [meets the minimum software and hardware requirements](#).
- **Current KU students on the Lawrence campus** should sign up to be included on the pre-health information management track. This is not the same as a major. [Please contact the Undergraduate Advising Center](#) for assistance.

### **Application Process**

- Apply to the program and pay the application fee by the February 1 priority admission deadline at [KU Admissions](#).
- Arrange to have one official copy of each transcript from every college and university that you have attended sent directly to KU Medical Center. Electronic transcripts may be submitted to [him@kumc.edu](mailto:him@kumc.edu).
- Additional application materials such as Letter of Intent, Resume, and two (2) References are also required.

**Applications are reviewed upon successful completion and submission of ALL materials.**

### **BSHIM to MSHI Joint Accelerated Degree**

- Eligible students are ones admitted to the BS in HIM degree and who are in good academic standing.
- Application to begin the joint degree option occurs during the junior year spring semester; those accepted begin a modified course plan during their senior year as an undergraduate in the BS in HIM program.

**Prerequisite Courses** – No grade lower than a “C” is accepted in any prerequisite course.

KU Courses	JCCC Courses
<b>Biological Sciences</b>	
BIOL 100 Principles of Biology (or other natural sciences courses)	BIOL 121 Introductory Biology for Non-Majors
BIOL 240 Fundamentals of Human Anatomy <sup>2</sup> <b>AND</b> BIOL 246 Principles of Human Physiology <sup>3</sup>	BIOL 140 Human Anatomy <sup>^</sup> <b>AND</b> BIOL 225 Human Physiology <sup>*,^</sup>
<b>Mathematics</b>	
MATH 365 Elementary Statistics	MATH 201 Statistics*
ACCT 200 Fundamentals of Financial Accounting <sup>4</sup>	ACCT 121 Accounting I <b>OR</b> ACCT 122 Accounting II*
<b>English</b>	
ENGL 101 Composition	ENGL 121 Composition I* <b>OR</b> ENGL 119 College Composition I with Review*
ENGL 102 Critical Reading and Writing	ENGL 122 Composition II*
<b>Oral Communication</b>	
COMS 130 Speaker-Audience Communication	COMS 121 Public Speaking
<b>Humanities</b>	
PHIL 148 Reason and Argument	PHIL 124 Logic and Critical Thinking
PHIL 160 Introduction to Ethics	PHIL 143 Ethics
<b>Social Sciences</b>	
PSYC 104 General Psychology	PSYC 130 Introduction to Psychology
SOC 104 Elements of Sociology	SOC 122 Introduction to Sociology
<b>Health Care &amp; Other Courses</b>	
HEIM 210 Introduction to Healthcare	HC 101 Introduction to Health Care Delivery <sup>5</sup>
HEIM 230 Medical Terminology	HC 130 Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professions
BLAW 301 Legal Aspects of Business	BLAW 261 Business Law I*
Information Systems Pre-requisite course	CIS 201 Introduction to Information Systems*

\* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

<sup>2</sup>BIOL 241 or BIOL 242 are lab courses for BIOL 240 and are recommended but not required.

<sup>3</sup>BIOL 247 is the lab course for BIOL 246 and is recommended but not required.

<sup>4</sup>KU requires students to take MATH 101 before taking ACCT 200; transfer students may not need to complete a MATH 101 equivalent if it is not required for the required accounting course.

<sup>5</sup>HC 101 is equivalent for HEIM 210, or if a student has experience working in a healthcare setting this requirement could be waived. Student will need to contact [him@kumc.edu](mailto:him@kumc.edu) during the advising/application process to discuss.

<sup>^</sup>Students can take BIOL 144 Human Anatomy and Physiology at JCCC, instead of BIOL 140 and BIOL 225 to satisfy the Human Anatomy and Physiology requirement.

**Recommended Courses** - Students needing additional credit hours should consider taking the following recommended courses.

KU Courses	JCCC Courses
<b>Classes that apply to KU's <a href="#">Minor in Business</a>:</b>	
ACCT 201 Managerial Accounting I	ACCT 222 Managerial Accounting*
MGMT 310 Principles of Management	BUS 241 Principles of Management
MKTG 310 Marketing	MKT 230 Marketing
<b>Additional courses recommended for students interested in health information management:</b>	
ENGL 362 Technical Writing	ENGL 123 Technical Writing I*
SOC 160 Social Problems and American Values	SOC 125 Social Problems

\* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

**It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate up to date information about the program, it is imperative you meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.**