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## HIM Careers: A Brilliant Move

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### Employer testimonial

*"We are entering one of the most consequential times in the history of health care delivery. Reform and its attendant shifts in care models — including Accountable Care Organizations and Population Health Management — will be data-intensive events. Health care organizations will need HIM professionals who bring to the leadership table a blend of traditional HIM knowledge as well as a deep understanding of care management, business and strategy insights to facilitate the transition. This means HIM leaders must possess the ability to evaluate innovative data retrieval programs, to understand how they can interface with legacy systems and possess the analytical skills to support business strategy."*

John G. Self  
President  
JohnGSelf & Associates  
(Health care strategy & executive recruiting firm)

*"Historically Health Information Management (HIM) professionals bring a unique skill set and a wealth of information to the table to ensure that the integrity of a patient's medical record is maintained. This is even more critical from a Health Information Technology perspective, with the implementation of electronic health records. The integrity of the information in the electronic health record is a critical component in helping to ensure patient safety as well as to ensure that quality increases while driving down an organization's cost. Siemens Health care hires certified HIM professionals in various roles from product management to marketing to implementation and consulting services to help ensure that these unique needs are met."*

John Glaser, PhD  
Chief Executive Officer, Health Services  
Siemens Health care



Are you a professional working in the healthcare field looking for a career opportunity that is in high demand? Are you a professional outside the healthcare industry looking for an exciting new career path where you can assume a leadership role in the effective management of health data and information for quality healthcare delivery?

Health Information Management (HIM) may be the career you've been looking for! The HIM profession, through its CAHIIM-accredited academic programs, provides you with both the knowledge and skill set to become a successful HIM professional.

As new and emerging technologies continue to grow along with evolving healthcare delivery models, the HIM profession is continuing to lead the industry in ensuring the protection, quality and integrity of health information.

## Why HIM?

HIM is an exciting and growing field. Completing HIM coursework can set you on the path to a new career. You will:

- Gain HIM skills and knowledge that are in high demand by employers now and into the foreseeable future
- Find the job that is right for you which allows for progression from entry-level staff positions to skilled technician positions to middle, senior and executive management positions
- Enjoy the flexibility of an HIM career. Choose among a diverse variety of health care work settings where HIM positions are needed: hospitals, clinics, and doctors' offices; clinical research and pharmaceuticals; insurers and regulatory bodies; public health and government policy agencies; organizations with information governance and data analytic needs
- Earn a valuable academic degree. Be recognized for your professional knowledge and expertise while bringing strategic value to employers
- Take ownership of your career and future. Achieve professional-level income and job satisfaction. Develop a life-long and personally fulfilling professional network

## How to become an HIM professional

HIM academic programs provide opportunities for non-health care professionals to expand their core professional competencies in both management and leadership areas. Build on your current knowledge and experience while learning valuable, marketable new skills.

If you have professional knowledge and experience in any of the following areas, and are interested in expanding your current skill set, then the HIM field is one you should consider:

- Information technology/informatics
- Nursing and clinical care management
- Financial and reimbursement management
- Data and information analytics
- Legal/regulatory compliance

Our academic programs provide you with a strong foundational knowledge so you can be successful as an HIM professional.

## What you will learn?

Our accredited academic programs offer knowledge and skills across the following domains of HIM knowledge:

- Data & Information Governance: Content, Structure, and Standards
- Information Protection: Access, Disclosure, Archival
- Informatics & Analytics
- Financial Management: Revenue Cycle
- Compliance
- Leadership & Management

## Why AHIMA and CAHIIM?

AHIMA is an internationally-recognized leader in the field of health information management. AHIMA credentials are widely recognized and valued by both employers and fellow healthcare workers. CAHIIM-accredited academic programs comply with rigorous academic standards in preparing students for the HIM profession. Visit: [cahiim.org](http://cahiim.org), for a list of accredited HIM programs.

## Want to learn more about the kinds of HIM jobs available in healthcare?

Visit the AHIMA career map to see the full spectrum of employment opportunities in the dynamic HIM profession at: [ahima.org/careers/plan](http://ahima.org/careers/plan).