

Program Description

PROFESSION

The success of a team of health care professionals will need to have the information organized so that decisions and patient care plans can be made. The health information administrator will bring together data to assist the health care team, the patient, and the administration staff. The student who has interests in computer science, business management, the law, and medicine will find the role of the health information administrator challenging and rewarding. Health information administrators find many opportunities in policy-making, financial management, decision support and research in varying sectors of the health industry. Once known as "medical record librarians," today's administrators need more information and understanding as they bring together all of the data available as a policy is made or as a patient is treated. A person who is interested in how information is processed and retained will find this role challenging, as well as satisfying. Cutting-edge technology, which is always changing, plays a big part in the arena of information management.

PROGRAM

The Health Information Administration program begins in the autumn quarter and is based on the completion of two years of prerequisite course work at an accredited college or university. Concentration on the health information administration subject matter begins at Loma Linda University. It is the only program of its kind in California and has been offered by LLU since 1962.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION

Upon completion of the program, and on the recommendation of the faculty, graduates are eligible to write the qualifying examination of the American Health Information Management Association for the designation of RHIA (Registered Health Information Administrator).

Program Length

2 years

Possible Careers

Health information management, health policy, financial management, computer science, business management, health care management, health care leadership

Application Deadlines

Quarter	Application Open	Priority Deadline	Final Deadline
Autumn of 2020	Dec 1, 2019	—	Jul 1, 2020

Admissions Requirements

To be eligible for admission, the applicant must have the following:

1. Completed a minimum of 96 quarter or 64 semester units at an accredited college or university.
2. The student must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. C-minus grades are not acceptable for transfer credit.

Prerequisites

- 20 quarter or 14 semester units of humanities
- Intermediate algebra (two years of high school algebra with a C grade or better accepted)
- Human anatomy and physiology with lab (complete sequence)
- Medical terminology
- Select remainder units from chemistry, geology, mathematics, astronomy, physics, or statistics
- English composition (complete sequence)
- Cultural diversity course (cultural anthropology)
- Psychology (one course)
- Select one class from sociology, economics, geography, political science
- Business or Interpersonal communications
- Personal health or nutrition
- Two physical activity courses
- If attending a Seventh-day Adventist college, four quarter or three semester units of religion per year is required.

Discipline Accrediting Agency

The Health Information Administration Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM), 233 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2150, Chicago, IL 60601-5519.

Expected Cost of Attendance

Academic Year

Year of Program:	Year 1	Year 2
Tuition	\$18,480	\$19,740
Fees	\$2,715	\$2,715
Books & Supplies	\$4,700	\$2,000
Instruments	—	—
Misc (e.g., Boards, Licensing exam, Uniforms)	—	—
Total	\$25,895	\$24,455

Notes

Expected costs for the academic year are based on full time attendance. From year to year, increases are anticipated consistent with inflation in the professional education sector.

The cost of attendance varies from year to year. Please contact the office of Student Finance for up-to-date costs.

Estimated Living Expenses

Academic Year , off campus, with a roommate

Year of Program:	Year 1	Year 2
Months enrolled	9	9
Room & Board	\$12,645	\$12,645
Transportation	\$2,880	\$2,880
Personal Expenses	\$2,070	\$2,070

Notes

- Amounts are what a student can apply to borrow for the number of months shown in each academic year based on living off campus with a roommate and not with a relative.
- International students need to calculate 12 months of living expenses based on the numbers listed here.
- In general, to qualify for financial aid a student must be enrolled at least half time taking degree requirements. Half time is 6 units in a quarter for undergraduate programs and 4 units in a quarter for graduate programs.