

## **PROGRAM OF HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT BACCALAUREATE DEGREE\***

Health information management (HIM) is a diverse yet evolving field that incorporates medicine, management, finance, information technology, and law into one dynamic career path. The HIM baccalaureate degree program prepares the graduate HIM professional with the skills and competencies in health data management, information policy, administering computer information systems and administrative and clinical work flow. Students will focus on the management of information, people and operational units, participation in administrative committees, preparation of budgets and administration of computerized health information systems.

Please note the following:

- \*Completion of an associate degree in HIM from a CAHIIM<sup>1</sup> accredited program is required prior to admission. If not already obtained, please refer to <http://www.wku.edu/healthinformationmanagement/> for information on the associate degree HIM program at WKU.
- All courses in the baccalaureate degree program may be completed on-line.
- General Education courses will be revised effective Fall 2014 per University policy; students entering the program prior to Fall 2014 will meet current General Education requirements.

### **ACCREDITATION**

The program will apply for candidacy status for accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Graduates of the baccalaureate program, once accredited, will be eligible to apply to write the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) national certification examination administered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).<sup>2</sup>

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