

# Where the Future Clicks:

***Your Health Information  
Management Career***

*Do you know*

**what you want**

*to be*

**when you grow up?**

*A butcher,*

**a baker,**

*a candlestick maker,*

**or...**



# A Health Information Management Professional



# Health Information Management

*places you right where  
healthcare meets*

the cutting edge of technology

# Health Information Management

*is one of the fastest  
growing occupations  
in one of*

**the fastest growing industries**

# Health Information Management Professionals...

Maintain, collect and analyze the data

*that doctors, nurses and other  
healthcare providers rely on*

to deliver quality healthcare



# Health Information Management Professionals

Are Experts in ...

*managing patient health information  
and medical records*

**administering computer information systems**

*coding the diagnosis and procedures for  
healthcare services provided to patients*



# Health Information Management Professionals

## *Work Settings:*

- **Managed care organizations**
- **Long term care facilities**
- **Behavioral health facilities**
- **Consulting and law firms**
- **Information system vendors**
- **Ambulatory care facilities**
- **Rehabilitation centers**
- **Skilled nursing facilities**
- **Home care providers**
- **Hospitals**
- **Government agencies**
- **Pharmaceutical companies**
- **Physician practices**
- **Insurance companies**

# *Competitive Salaries*

## **Bachelor's Degree with an RHIA credential**

- *\$30,000 to \$50,000 starting*
- *\$50,000 to \$75,000 five years out*

## **Associate's Degree with an RHIT credential**

- *\$20,000 to \$30,000 starting*
- *\$30,000 to \$50,000 five years out*

# How Do You Get Started?



# Step One: High School Courses:

**Business**

*Computer science*

**English**

*Math*

**Biology**

*Chemistry courses*



# Step Two: Formal Education

*Associate's or  
Bachelor's degree*

**from an accredited institution**

*A complete list can be found at  
[www.ahima.org/careers](http://www.ahima.org/careers)*

# Step Three: Certification

*Pass a certification  
examination and  
earn a credential*

that tells the world you are  
a competent professional

# Why a credential?

Demonstrates to co-workers and supervisors a dedication to quality healthcare and the highest standards of health information management

*Tells employers that you have been trained and tested to implement best practices and apply current technology solutions*

**Sets you apart from job candidates who are not credentialed**

# **RHIA –Registered Health Information Administrator**

***Requires a bachelor's degree***

**Frequently leads to a management level position requiring plenty of interaction with colleagues on the medical, financial and administrative staff.**



# **RHIT –Registered Health Information Technician**

*Requires an associate's degree*

**RHITs often get jobs analyzing data, reporting patient information and working on reimbursement**

# Career Planning Checklist

Go to [www.ahima.org/careers](http://www.ahima.org/careers)

- *Learn more about HIM careers*
- *Get firsthand viewpoints from Health Information Management Professionals*
- *Check out financing opportunities*

Discuss your interest with your guidance counselor

Healthcare +  
Technology =  
Success for You

Thanks and  
Good Luck!



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