

About our Association

The *Florida Health Information Management Association (FHIMA)*, consisting of over 3,300 Health Information Management professional members in nine regions, is a component state association of the national American Health Information Management Association.

FHIMA is committed to providing our members with educational meetings, seminars, e-Alerts, scholarships and online newsletters regarding a variety of HIM and coding related topics and issues. In addition, FHIMA strives to collaborate with HIM related professional associations and state legislators.

Membership in FHIMA

In order to become a member of FHIMA, you must be a member of the *American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)*. Once a member of AHIMA, there are no additional dues to join FHIMA if you declare Florida as your state association. **You get two professional association memberships for the price of one!** To join AHIMA, go to www.ahima.org

Benefits of Belonging

FHIMA members can take advantage of discounted pricing on many educational CE opportunities. In addition, there are many leadership opportunities for FHIMA members within the association. Serving in a leadership role is a powerful networking opportunity!

How to Reach Us

Florida Health Information Management Association



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- CE's Opportunities
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Health Information Management

Health Information Management, or “HIM” professionals hold many diverse roles, yet share a common purpose: *providing reliable and valid information that drives the healthcare industry.*

About the Health Information Management (HIM) Profession

Who We Are

HIM professionals play an important role in the delivery of quality of patient information and patient care. HIM Professionals work in many types of healthcare settings including hospitals, physician groups, nursing homes, ambulatory surgery centers, rehabilitation facilities, review agencies, government, education, IT and companies that provide software and services to healthcare organizations, representing more than 120 different job roles.

HIM Education—Florida’s CAHIIM Approved Schools & Programs

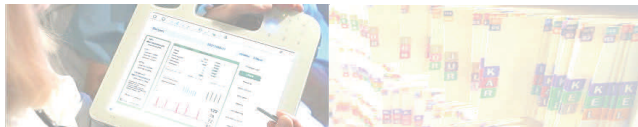
AHIMA established an affiliate accreditation commission—the *Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)*. CAHIIM grants accreditation status to degree-granting programs that have undergone a rigorous process of voluntary peer review and have met or exceed the minimum accreditation standards as set by AHIMA in cooperation with CAHIIM.

In Florida there are two health information administration programs, 17 health information technology programs, and five certificate programs. To find out which schools offer CAHIIM accredited HIM programs, please visit the CAHIIM website at www.cahiim.org.

Credentials

To ensure its members meet professional standards of excellence, the American Health Information Management Association awards the following credentials:

- **RHIA —Registered Health Information Administrator** Baccalaureate programs train at the managerial level to analyze , interpret and manage healthcare data in paper and electronic health record formats.
- **RHIT— Registered Health Information Technician** Associate programs emphasize skills in health data collection, quality, monitoring, computer software and electronic health record and adhering to legal and regulatory standards.
- **CCS, CCS-P, CCA—Certified Coding Specialist** Certificate programs designate expertise in medical coding.
- **CHPS—Certified in Health Care Privacy and Security** demonstrates a commitment to advancing privacy and security management practices.
- **CHDA— Certified Health Data Analyst** As the healthcare industry becomes more data driven, this credential identifies professions with a competence in health data analysis.



Workforce

As the healthcare landscape changes to meet the provisions of the Stimulus Plan (ARRA), the need for qualified HIM professionals will significantly increase. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the amount of new HIM professionals entering the profession will fall short of the increased need.

There is an unprecedented opportunity arising from a large scale transition to electronic records. Having been identified by both the US Department of Labor and Congress to not have enough human resources to manage the change to electronic records and their on-going operation, the Health Information Management profession has a bright future with many different opportunities for employment and advancement.

