

University of Washington

Health Informatics and Health Information Management - Degree

Application Process

Admission to the HIHIM major is competitive, admitting once a year. Persons interested in the HIHIM major must apply to the major **and** to the Evening Degree Program by **April 15**. Applicants are notified of their admission status by early June and, if admitted, begin HIHIM course work in late June.

Orientation is required and scheduled in late **June** near the start of the quarter. Applicants should plan accordingly. To download Evening Degree and HIHIM applications, please visit the Evening Degree Program (EDP) Web Site at: www.evedegree.washington.edu

Types of Applicants

- **Current UW students***: No need to apply to the Evening Degree Program (EDP). However, you must submit an application to the HIHIM major by **April 15**.
- **Returning former UW students***: Returning students who have not been enrolled for more than one quarter (excluding summer quarter) must complete a Returning Former Student application (see EDP web site) and an application to the HIHIM major by **April 15**.
- **Transfer & International students***: Submit an UW EDP application to the EDP (see EDP web site) and a department application to the HIHIM major by **April 15**.

*Non-postbaccalaureate applicants only.

Applicant Qualification

In order to apply to the HIHIM major, applicants must have:

- Completion of a minimum of 90 transferable credits by **April 15**
- A minimum grade of "C" in each individual HIHIM prerequisite course
- A minimum 2.5 CUM GPA in the HIHIM prerequisite coursework
- A minimum overall cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better for college-level study

Complete Application Packet

To be considered for admission to HIHIM, the HIHIM application packet **must** contain the following items:

- a) **HIHIM Application** - a completed application packet (See: <http://depts.washington.edu/hihim>)
- b) **Official Transcripts** - Transcripts of **all** prior college work
- c) **Personal Statement** - a **typewritten** personal statement as outlined in the HIHIM application form describing the reasons for pursuing the major and professional and academic goals
- d) **English Proficiency Form** (part of the HIHIM Application)
- e) **Resume**

English Proficiency

All applicants must document English language proficiency at the time of application. This may be done through: (1) submitting an acceptable score on an English proficiency test **or** (2) successfully completing the [UW Intensive English Program](http://depts.washington.edu/hihim).

See <http://depts.washington.edu/hihim> for more information.

Single Prerequisite Petition

A maximum of **one (1)** prerequisite course (either **Medical Terminology** (2yr plan only) or **Statistics**) may be "in progress" at the start of summer quarter. ***All applicants must complete Human Anatomy before starting the program.*** Applicants must submit a written petition in the HIHIM application packet. If approved, the course must be completed by the end of summer quarter. Admission preference will be given to applicants who have completed all prerequisites by **April 15**.

Application Scoring

A maximum of 59 points are available in application scoring on the following criteria:

1. Prerequisite completion status (15)
2. Cumulative GPA (10)
3. Prerequisite Cumulative GPA (10)
4. Health Care/Business/Computer or related work experience (6)
5. Written Statement (15)
6. Graduate Degree (3)

Background Check

A criminal background check is conducted on all accepted applicants.

Immunization for Health Science Students

HIHIM students are Health Science students. All Health Science students are required to show immunization for vaccine preventable diseases. See <http://depts.washington.edu/hihim> for more information regarding immunization requirements and fees.