

Health Information Manager

What does a Health Information Manager do?

Health Information Managers develop, implement and manage health information systems. These information systems are designed for the capture, storage, analysis, retrieval and release of information about patients and health services. They contain clinical findings and observations about a patient's medical, surgical and social problems. A career In Health Information management provides a unique opportunity to combine an interest in Medicine, Technology and Management

What do I study to become a Health Information Manager?

- Bachelor of Health Service Management – University of Queensland
- Bachelor of Information Systems/Master of Health Information Management – La Trobe University, Melbourne

A day in the life of a Health Information Manager

- Plan and develop health information systems
- Staff supervision
- Computerised and manual patient information systems
- Design and review of health records.
- Coding of diseases and procedures using international classification of diseases
- Management functions such as workplace design, budgeting and selection of equipment
- Assist in medical research
- Develop and service education programs
- Medical secretarial services
- Filing and retrieval of records
- Incomplete record control systems.

Career opportunities

- Information Systems Manager in a public hospital
- Quality Improvement Coordinator in a public hospital
- Case mix Coordinator in a hospital, health department or Health Insurance Company
- Systems Administrator in an Health Service
- Clinical Manager in an Health Service
- Disease & Operation Classification Officer in a Hospital
- Data Manager or Clinical Researcher in a Clinical Trials Centre or Research Unit
- Clinical Information Analyst in a Pharmaceutical Company

What sort of person should I be?

- Have good organisational and problem solving skills
- Possess ability to organise staff
- Have good communication skills
- Be interested in statistics – an analytical mind
- Achievement oriented
- Able to interact with a broad range of people