



## Baccalaureate Degree Plan

NCCCS Associate in Arts *or* Associate in Science  
*transfer to*  
East Carolina University, **BS Health Information Management**

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The Health Information Management, BS emphasizes the development of skills for managing health information and the systems that collect, store, retrieve, disseminate, and communicate said information to support organizational operations and clinical and business decision making.

The curriculum is designed to help students develop the knowledge and tools necessary to become effective and efficient leaders in health information management.

The program is offered both on campus and through distance education.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be eligible to sit for the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) credentialing examination offered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

The Health Information Management, BS program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management (CAHIIM).

For admission:

- A minimum 2.5 GPA is required

As a transfer student, it is important to contact an ECU Academic Advisor, through [ppac@ecu.edu](mailto:ppac@ecu.edu), as soon as possible.

*An example of how to plan your first 2 years of the traditional 4 years of study is included at the end of this document.*

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### Recommended courses to take at a North Carolina Community College

BIO 163	ENG 111	MAT 152
	ENG 112	MAT 171
CIS 110		
	HEA 110	
ECO 251		

- Other courses to complete an AA or AS are student's choice; no other current department recommendations.
- ECU's General Education Core can be used as possible suggestions for additional courses; however, completion of an approved NCCCS AA or AS waives the General Education requirement, as long as students complete HEA 110.
- For more information about General Education Core Requirements at ECU, and a list of specific course options, click [here](#).

## Degree Requirements

### General Education Core Requirements

*40 semester hours credit required; completion of an approved AA or AS waives this requirement.*

Competency	Semester Hour Credits Required	Notes
Written Communication	6	<i>ENG 111 and ENG 112 should be taken at the community college to satisfy this competency.</i>
Humanities & Fine Arts	9	<i>At least one class should be labeled as Humanities (HU) and one should be labeled as Fine Arts (FA).</i>
Social Sciences	9	<i>History is not considered a social science at ECU.</i>
Natural Sciences	7	<i>One course must include a lab.</i>
Mathematics	3	<i>Choose MATH 171</i>
Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity	3	<i>HEA 110 should be taken at the community college to satisfy this competency.</i>

<b>Specific General Education Requirements</b>	<p>As part of the 40 required hours, include:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">BIOL 2131 - Survey of Human Physiology and Anatomy Laboratory</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">MATH 1065 - College Algebra</p> <p><i>Recommended:</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ECON 2113 - Principles of Microeconomics</p>	<p><i>NCCCS Equivalents</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>BIO 163</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>MAT 171</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ECO 251</i></p>
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<b>Core</b>	<p>Complete 66 semester hour credits:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HIMA 3000 - Medical Terminology for Health Professionals</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HIMA 3120 - Health Care Delivery Systems</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HIMA 4030 - Quality Management in Health Care</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HIMA 4075 - Applied Health Services Research</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HIMA 4138 - Health Data Structures</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HIMA 4145 - Classification Systems in Health Care</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HIMA 4153 - Management of Health Information Services</p> <p>Department</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HIMA 4160 - Concepts in Health Information Technology</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HIMA 4170 - Privacy and Security in Health Information Systems</p> <p>HSMA 2000 - Professional Roles and Environments in Health Care</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSMA 3020 - Health Care Payment Systems</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSMA 3025 - Professional Ethical Codes and Law in Health Care</p> <p>HSMA 3030 - Written Communication and Documentation in Health Care</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSMA 3040 - Managing the Health of Populations</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSMA 3045 - Health Data Management</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSMA 3050 - Leadership in Health Care</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSMA 3115 - Human Diseases</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">HSMA 4010 - Health Information Management</p>	<p><i>NCCCS Equivalents</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>MED 122 or OST 141, 142*</i></p>
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	HSMA 4050 - Human Resource Management for Health Care Organizations HSMA 4055 - Health Care Finance and Accounting HSMA 4905 - Allied Health Management Experience	
<b>Cognates</b>	Complete 6 semester hour credits:  BIOS 1500 - Introduction to Biostatistics MIS 2223 - Introduction to Computers	<i>NCCCS Equivalents</i>  <b>MAT 152</b> <b>CIS 110</b>
<b>Electives</b>	Complete any electives needed for graduation requirements.	
<b>Licensure/ Certification Requirements in North Carolina</b>	<i>The curriculum for all ECU Certificates, Degrees, and Minors have been designed to meet the licensure/certification requirements in North Carolina and prepare students to sit for licensure/certification exams in North Carolina. The various licensure boards in each state are responsible for setting requirements for licensure/certification in their state. Other states have their own requirements, and you'll want to make sure your program meets criteria in your home state (or state where you intend to work) before you apply. Search our state Licensure Dashboard to see if the program you're interested in meets the educational requirements for licensing/certification in your home state (or state where you intend to work).</i>	

\*MED 122 and OST 141, 142 are not approved CAA transfer courses. Students are not expected to complete these before transfer, unless they are in an Associate in Applied Science degree.

ECU does have Bi-lateral Agreements with regional community colleges allowing transfer of the AAS for certain Health Information Technology programs. For more information, [click here](#).

## Potential 2 Year Map for BS Health Information Management

An example of courses to take at your community college if you plan to attend full-time.

### First Semester at NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
ENG 111	ENGL 1100
ECO 251	ECON 2113
MAT 171	MATH 1065
HEA 110	HLTH 1000/KINE 1000
ACA 122	COAD 1XXX (elective credit)

### Second Semester at NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
Humanities/Fine Arts Course	
CIS 110	MIS 2223
Natural Science	
Social Science Course	
Additional General Education course or Elective course	

### Third Semester at a NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
ENG 112	ENGL 2201
Humanities/Fine Arts Course	
Social Behavioral Science course or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Natural Science course	
Additional General Education course	
Additional General Education course	

### Fourth Semester at a NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
Additional General Education course	
Elective course	
Humanities/Fine Arts Course or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Math course	
BIO 163	BIOL 2130/31

- Schedule at ECU will depend on courses completed at the community college and semester of entry (fall or spring).
- You should email [ppac@ecu.edu](mailto:ppac@ecu.edu) as soon as possible for more specialized advising.
- This schedule is dependent on taking full-time course loads; however, it may not be realistic to take a full-time course load if you are working full-time or part-time, are a caregiver, or have other obligations. **Ask your advisor how you can be most successful.**