Health Information Management Advising Guide
Portland Community College Cascade Campus – Allied Health

- Deadline extended - Applications for the FALL 2021 program will be accepted January 18 – April 22, 2022
- See [http://pcc.edu/programs/him](http://pcc.edu/programs/him) for program and application information

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### PREREQUISITE COURSES (DEADLINE EXTENDED - COMPLETED BY THE END OF SPRING TERM WITH A ‘C’ OR ‘P’ OR BETTER)

- WR 121 – English Composition
- MP 111 – Medical Terminology
- MTH 58 or MTH 65 – Math Literacy or Introductory Algebra – 2nd term (questions? contact admissions)
- CAS 120 – Digital Literacy Skills
- CIS 121 – Information Systems and Programming

### ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS YOU CAN TAKE TO TAKE PRIOR TO PROGRAM ADMISSION

- BI 121 – Intro to Human A & P (replaces HIM 128)
- BI 122 – Intro to Human A & P (replaces HIM 129)
- HIM 182 – Healthcare Delivery Systems
- Social Science General Education* - 4 credit class
- Arts and Letters General Education* - 4 credit class
- * for General Education options see AAS degree worksheet
- CIS 125D – Database Application Dev I

**BI 121 or 122 can count for your “Another General Education” requirement. See advisor for questions.

### Mission Statement
The Allied Health Admission Office supports equitable student opportunity and success through a holistic admission review process rooted in assessing applicants’ academic promise and accomplishment within the context of their personal and professional experience.

### Point System Used for Admission to the Health Information Management program

#### PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

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For each of the below questions, response quality is an important factor in evaluating applicant materials. Responses are assessed on how well they answer all aspects of the question, the clarity of the response, and general writing ability displayed. [PCC has resources](http://pcc.edu/programs/him) to help with developing and writing quality responses.

#### QUESTION #1: Program Success Attributes (200 – 400 words)

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<td>Attention to detail, Task Management/Multitasking and Communication are important attributes for success in the HIM program. Choose ONE of these attributes you consider a strength and explain why you consider it a strength and how you believe this will help you to be successful in the program. Provide at least one example to support your response. <strong>Things to consider:</strong> What past experience(s) (work, home life, volunteer, other) really shows how the attribute is a strength of yours? Did the strength develop over time or did you come to important realizations along the way? How do you think this attribute will help you to succeed in the program and/or career?</td>
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QUESTION #2: Experience (200 – 400 words)  
25 points max

Please describe your experience related to healthcare and how this experience led you to apply to this program.

*Things to consider:* experience can include paid or volunteer work, community service, caring for a friend or family member, military experience, a personal experience that shaped your views on healthcare, or another experience that helps us understand your background as it relates to this discipline.

Content: up to 20 pts  
Writing: up to 5 pts

QUESTION #3: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (200 – 400 words)  
10 points max

In your own words, please explain why you think a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion are important to a successful career in healthcare? As part of your response, please include at least one example of your approach to working with people from different backgrounds or cultures.

*Things to consider:* what is unique about healthcare that makes diversity, equity and inclusion so important? For your example(s), think about what experience you have working with people different from yourself. What important lessons or skills has your work, home life, or school experience taught you about collaborating and working effectively with diverse people?

Content: up to 5 pts  
Writing: up to 5 pts

QUESTION #4: Personal Context (200 – 400 words)  
20 points max

We understand that grades and experience are just one part of who you are. What would you like the admissions committee to know about you that has not been addressed in the other application sections?

*Things to consider:* if there’s anything you want us to know about you, but didn’t find a question or place in the application to tell us, now’s your chance. What have you not shared with us that will highlight a skill, talent, challenge or opportunity that you think will help us know you better?

Content: up to 15 pts  
Writing: up to 5 pts

What is needed to apply to the program

- Apply to Portland Community College.
- Complete all prerequisite coursework with a “C” or “P” or better.
  - You may apply if you are concurrently enrolled in prerequisites during the application period, but your application will not be considered complete until all prerequisite grades are recorded.
  - Prerequisites in progress Spring Term will get points for a C grade.
  - If you are completing your prerequisites at a school other than PCC, you are responsible for getting a new transcript sent for review within a week of the grade being posted.
- Review components of the application here
- Complete the Health Information Management program application.
- Obtain unofficial transcripts from previous schools. Official Transcripts are required upon acceptance.
- Have a plan in place to pay for school. If applying for federal financial aid ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) please note it can take up to three months to receive an award if eligible.
- To view the Health Information Management application or for additional information, please go to the Health Information Management website ([http://pcc.edu/programs/him](http://pcc.edu/programs/him)) or contact Admissions Coordinator Amanda Gallo at [healthca@pcc.edu](mailto:healthca@pcc.edu) or 971-722-5667