

# Bachelor of Arts in Health Informatics

## Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective students often ask how long the **Bachelor of Arts in Health Informatics** takes to complete, what the program costs and if financial aid is available, and if the degree is awarded through USC Upstate.

You can find answers to these questions below.

- Completion time varies based on accumulated credits in general education and other courses required for the major. The degree requires 121-122 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.
- Students are eligible to receive applicable federal and state financial aid assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at [www.palmettocollege.sc.edu](http://www.palmettocollege.sc.edu).
- The degree is awarded by the University of South Carolina Upstate and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from UofSC.

## Prepare for Your Future

The Health Informatics Program at USC Upstate is designed to deliver the required knowledge and skills for you to be a successful member of the professional team servicing healthcare patient and provider needs through information technology and data management.

Managing information for the healthcare industry is a lot more than data input, storage and retrieval. Understanding how to use this data, and providing the data as information to healthcare professionals is a vital and growing part of the industry.

## Why should I complete a bachelor's degree in health informatics?

Individuals with a bachelor of arts in Health Informatics are employed across the healthcare industry, from insurance providers to hospital staff, to on-site clinic staff interacting directly with doctors and nurses to improve patient safety and health outcomes.

## Why should I complete a degree online from USC Upstate through Palmetto College?

USC Upstate is the #1 ranked public baccalaureate university in South Carolina and the South's best college for veterans. As a Palmetto College student, you'll have access to USC Upstate's academic resources and enjoy a flexible schedule without having to relocate. And best of all, when you're finished with the program, you'll graduate with a degree from a top-notch, nationally recognized university.

## For More Information

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The health informatics career path is closely tied to the digital transformation happening within health care delivery, with more and more patients receiving care through telehealth and virtual medical services.



The explosion of electronic health records and information management needs in the healthcare industry has created huge demand for trained individuals in this field.

## Prerequisites and Requirements

**To apply for this online degree program, students must have:**

- Preferred 2.5 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level coursework
- Students transferring credits into the program are encouraged to have completed the following courses:
  - Two courses in Composition
  - College Algebra (or Calculus) and Statistics
  - Public Speaking
  - Two Natural Sciences, one with a lab
  - Information Technology
  - Fine Arts/Humanities
  - World or U.S. History
  - Behavioral Science
  - One course in world language, or placement above the introductory level
  - Two General Education electives

## Curriculum

The Bachelor of Arts in Health Informatics is a multidisciplinary degree integrating an understanding of hands-on skills and concepts in healthcare, leadership, and information technology. The curriculum prepares graduates to design, develop, and manage health information systems and resources.

**The curriculum includes coursework in the following disciplines:**

- IT Foundation - **15 credit hours**
- IT Management - **6 credit hours**
- Capstone Courses - **6 credit hours**
- Technical Writing and Electives - **9 credit hours**
- Network and Database Technology - **12 credit hours**
- Various aspects of Healthcare - **6 credit hours**
- Health Informatics and Electives - **30 credit hours**