

Health Information FAQ



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Health Information Professionals: Who Are They? What Do They Do?

Health information (HI) professionals are the experts who keep healthcare running smoothly. From hospitals and clinics to insurance companies and tech firms, they ensure health data is accurate, secure, and accessible—helping providers make informed decisions and improving patient care.

How Do HI Professionals Support Healthcare?

HI professionals bridge the gap between healthcare, technology, and data. They work alongside doctors, nurses, labs, and pharmacies to ensure patient records are correct, complete, and protected. Their expertise in data management helps organizations improve efficiency, enhance patient safety, and meet compliance standards.

What Do HI Professionals Do?

Depending on their role, HI professionals might:

- Analyze health data to support smarter decision-making
- Design and implement systems to track patient care and outcomes
- Ensure compliance with healthcare privacy and security regulations
- Improve workflows to enhance efficiency and reduce costs
- Collaborate across departments to streamline processes and protect patient information





Where Do HI Professionals Work?

HI professionals are in demand across hospitals, clinics, insurance companies, government agencies, law firms, and tech companies. Whether managing patient records, leading compliance efforts, or analyzing data, they play a key role in keeping healthcare systems running effectively.

Common job titles include:

- Medical Records Specialist
- Clinical Data Manager
- Data Scientist
- Health Information Technician
- Medical and Health Services Manager

Is a Career in HI Right for You?

You might be a great fit for health information if you:

- Enjoy technology, data, and organization
- Want to work in healthcare but not directly with patients
- Have an interest in law, management, or analytics
- Like collaborating with healthcare professionals, executives, and IT teams
- Want a career that offers flexibility and job security

What Credentials Do HI Professionals Need?

Different roles require different credentials, and earning a certification from AHIMA can open doors to exciting career opportunities. Some of the most recognized certifications include:

- Certified Coding Associate (CCA)
- Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)
- Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT)
- Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA)
- Certified Health Data Analyst (CHDA)
- Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security (CHPS)

