Course Requirements

96 hours distributed as follows:

Domain 1: Religion & Humanities
Minimum, 20 quarter hours distributed as follows

- Religion
  Take 4-8 hours of religion courses: 4-8
  (4 hours required per year of attendance at a SDA College)

- Humanities
  Take the remaining 12-16 hours from at least three of the following areas:
  Art; Music (max 4 hours of applied art and music)
  Literature; Philosophy
  History; Foreign Language.
  The following courses are recommended:
  ARTH 115 History of Western Art I (4)
  ARTH 116 History of Western Art II (4)
  MUHL 105 Survey of Music (3)
  ENGL 212 Shakespeare in Performance (2-3)
  ENGL 301 Themes in Literature (4)
  ENGL 331 Literature for Adolescents (4)
  PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (4)
  HIST 101+102 History of World Civ I, II (4+4)
  HIST 134+135 History of the United States I, II (4+4)
  Any foreign language

Domain 2: Scientific Inquiry & Analysis

- Natural Sciences
  Take the following required courses:
  BIOL 101+102 Human Anatomy & Physiology 5+5
  BIOL 223 Medical Terminology 2
  Take one course from the following areas: 4
  Astronomy; Chemistry; Geology; Mathematics; Physics; Statistics
  Noncredit algebra requirement- take one of the following: 0
  2 years of high school Algebra with a grade of C or better (0)
  MATH 096 Basic Algebra II (4)
  This course is remedial and will not count for credit.

- Social Sciences
  Take 12 hours from at least 2 areas:
  Take the following required course:
  PSYC 121 General Psychology 4
  Take at least one course from the following:
  ANTH 124 Cultural Anthropology (4)
  SOCI 355 “Racial” and Ethnic Relations (3)
  Take the remaining 4-5 hours from at least 2 areas:
  Anthropology; Economics; Geography; Political Science Psychology; Sociology
  The following courses are recommended:
  ANTH 124 Cultural Anthropology (4)
  ECON 261 Macroeconomics (4)
  ECON 265 Microeconomics (4)
  GEOG 210 World Regional Geography (3)
  PLSC 124 Introduction to American Govt (3)

- Communication
  Take the following required courses:
  ENGL 101+102 College English I, II 4+4
  BUAD 279 Business Communication 3
  INFS 147 PC Word Processing 1
  INFS 148 PC Spreadsheets 1

Domain 4: Health & Wellness
Take at least one course from the following:
  FDNT 235 Nutrition (3)
  HLED 162 Fitness for Life (2)
  HLED 166 Health Education (2)
  Take at least two courses from the following:
  ESAC (Exercise Science Activity) courses 1+1

Domain 5: Electives & Other Requirements
Take the following required course:
  ACCT 121 Financial Accounting I 3
  Take additional electives as needed to meet the minimum requirement of 96 transferable quarter hours.

PLEASE NOTE that C minus (C-) grades are not transferable for credit to Loma Linda University

Health Sciences, A.S.

Pacific Union College offers an A.S. degree with a major in Health Sciences. This major can be taken in conjunction with the pre-health information administration requirements. For more information, see guidesheet NHSC-03 or contact the Health Sciences advisor in the Nursing and Health Sciences Department.
Occupational Information

What can I do with this profession?
Health Information Administration is for the person seeking work in a variety of settings. Many are employed by hospitals and medical centers in large urban areas. Others work in small community hospitals in rural settings. There are also opportunities for employment within insurance companies, health management organizations, software vendors, and in private medical practices and clinics.

Professional Training?
Preparation for a career as a health information administrator usually lasts four years and leads to a bachelor’s degree. Concentration in health information administration starts in the third year. Loma Linda University is the only accredited school within the denominational school system and within the five western states of California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon and Hawaii to offer this program.

Job Outlook
Job opportunities are expected to continue to grow. Employment of health information specialists is expected to increase faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2014 because of substantial growth in the health care industry and technology. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that by 2014, 6,000 HIM professionals at all levels will be needed annually to replenish the workforce.

Although hospitals will continue to employ a large portion of health information administrators, the job market is rapidly expanding outside of hospitals. New openings are available in home health agencies, long term care facilities, outpatient care, mental health facilities, insurance companies, commercial and industrial firms, governmental agencies, and legal offices.

For More Information

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(909) 558-4976 or (800) 422-4538 (option #4)
www.llu.edu/llu/sahp/health

To apply online go to: http://www.llu.edu/apply/
Note: Admission requirements are subject to change each year.

Sample Two-Year Program

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed and to help you select a proper sequence of courses in the major. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program of studies.*

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Third and Fourth Years are taken at Loma Linda University.

* Note that MATH 096 must be taken if H.S. requirements have not been met. MATH 096 will not transfer to LLU. MATH 095 is a prerequisite for MATH 096.

** See “Courses Requirements” for requirements and options when selecting courses in the various areas.