

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS (HEALTH STUDIES MINOR)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/informatics/undergraduate-programs/>

The B.S. in Health Informatics with a Health Studies Minor begins with a comprehensive computer science core and combines academic components from the health studies program. This interdisciplinary and intraprofessional program thoroughly prepares students for the diverse careers available to those with in-demand data science-oriented degrees.

The program teaches key components of Health Informatics related to such areas as Medical Terminology, Environmental health, Epidemiology, and Women's Health. At TWU, small class sizes provide quality learning environments and active engagement with university faculty.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

- Apply knowledge of computer science, information science, nursing, health sciences, and informatics theory to nursing practice, education, healthcare administration, or research, in collaboration with other health informatics specialists.
- Work effectively as a member of an inter-professional project team to coordinate database and project development, determine project scope and limitations, critically analyze issues, and solve problems.
- Design and validate clinical/healthcare databases, including designing and testing logic checks.
- Plan, coordinate, and implement security measures to safeguard information in computer files against accidental or unauthorized damage, modification, or disclosure.
- Prepare reports or correspondence concerning project specifications, activities, or status.
- Demonstrate personal accountability and work habits, integrity, and ethical behavior.
- Proficient in the software tools to achieve the skills listed, including but not limited to Java, Python, Perl, SQL, NoSQL, R, Microsoft Project, Microsoft Visio, Tableau, SAS, SPSS, modeling software.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Major: 43 SCH **Minor:** 18 SCH

Program Code: INFOHLTH.BS.HLTH; **CIP Code:** 51.2706.00

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	3
Mathematics		3
Life & Physical Sciences		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
CAO: Women's Studies		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics		3
Total SCHs		42

Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
CSCI 1423 & CSCI 1421	Programming Fundamentals I and Programming Fundamentals I - Laboratory	4
CSCI 1513	Introduction to Informatics	3
CSCI 2493	Programming Fundamentals II	3
CSCI 3053	Data Structures	3
CSCI 3423	Database Management	3
CSCI 3513	Information Systems Project Management	3
CSCI 3603	Foundations of Data Science	3
CSCI 4313	Networking and Data Communication	3
HS 3033	Medical Terminology	3
HS 3383	Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Informatics	3
LS 3053	Interdisciplinary Information Retrieval	3
MATH 1713	Elementary Statistics II	3
NURS 2213	Introduction to Health Informatics	3
HS 4923	Capstone in Interprofessional Informatics	3
Total SCHs		43

Courses Required for Minor

Code	Title	SCHs
Select 18 SCH from the following (approved by advisor)		18
HS 3133	Perspectives on Women's Health	
HS 3403	Environmental Health and Safety Education	
HS 3413	Epidemiology	
HS 3433	Current Trends in Population Health and Health Informatics	
HS 4563	Overview of Public Health Surveillance	
HS 4573	Occupational Risk Assessment	
HS 4743	Needs Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation for Health Professionals	
Total SCHs		18

Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
MATH 1703	Elementary Statistics I (may be applied from core)	3
Elective (to include 3 SCH global perspectives)		15
Total SCHs		18

LS 3053	Interdisciplinary Information Retrieval	3
Minor Course		3
Social & Behavioral Science Core		3

Recommended Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
CSCI 1421	Programming Fundamentals I - Laboratory		1
CSCI 1423	Programming Fundamentals I	COSC 1436	3
CSCI 1513	Introduction to Informatics		3
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
MATH 1703	Elementary Statistics I (Recommended Core Math)	MATH 1342	3
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: The First Year Experience	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1
SCHs			17

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
CSCI 2493	Programming Fundamentals II	COSC 1437	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
MATH 1713	Elementary Statistics II		3
Creative Arts Core			3
SCHs			15

Second Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
CSCI 3053	Data Structures		3
CSCI 3423	Database Management		3
NURS 2213	Introduction to Health Informatics		3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
Life/Physical Sciences Core			3
SCHs			15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HS 3033	Medical Terminology		3
MATH 1013	Financial and Quantitative Literacy (Recommended Core CAO)	MATH 1332	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
Life/Physical Sciences Core			3
Multicultural Women's Studies (CAO) Core			3
SCHs			15

Third Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
CSCI 3513	Information Systems Project Management		3
CSCI 3603	Foundations of Data Science		3

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HS 3383	Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Informatics		3
PHIL 1023	Introduction to Philosophy (Language, Philosophy, Culture Core)	PHIL 1301	3
Minor Course			3
Minor Course			3
Elective (Global Perspectives course)			3
SCHs			15

Fourth Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
CSCI 4313	Networking and Data Communication		3
Minor Course			3
Minor Course (Upper Level)			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
SCHs			15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
HS 4923	Capstone in Interprofessional Informatics		3
Minor Course (Upper Level)			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Elective			1
SCHs			13

Total SCHs:	120
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