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Mark A. Emmert, President

February 12, 2007

Dean Patricia W. Wahl
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Dear Patricia:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the change in the name of the program from Health Information Administration to Health Informatics and Information Management. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the School of Public Health and Community Medicine is authorized to specify these requirements beginning spring quarter 2007.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark".

Mark A. Emmert
President

Enclosure

cc: Gretchen Murphy (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure HIA-20061212)



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**CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE
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College School of Public Health and Community Medicine	Department or Unit Health Services	Date 12/12/06
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New Programs

- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree.
- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____
- Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____
- Leading to a minor in _____

Changes to Existing Programs

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____

Other Changes

- Change name of program from Health Information Administration to Health Informatics and Information Mgmt.
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____
- Eliminate program in _____

Proposed Effective Date:

Quarter: Autumn Winter Spring Summer **Year:** 20 ~~06~~ 07

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EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

The Health Information Administration Program Faculty and the Health Information Administration Advisory Board propose changing the name of the Health Information Administration Program to Health Informatics and Information Management. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Health Information Administration Advisory Board in 2005; with formal recommendation to propose the change in June, 2006.

In discussion for over two years with Advisory Board members and selected members of the health care and university community, this request has been discussed extensively. Citing the rapid changes in the health information arena and the need to position the HIA program for the future, the name Health Informatics and Information Management, more accurately:

(see attached)

CATALOG COPY

Catalogue Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.

"Adviser
1107 NE 45th Street, Suite 355, Box 354800

The program in Health Information Administration offers both a postbaccalaureate certificate and a Bachelor of Science degree (Evening Degree Program)."

"Health Information Administration Postbaccalaureate Certificate"

"For more information, please visit the Health Information Administration Web page"

"Health Information Administration Major"

"HIA" (all references)

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications)

"Program Coordinator
1100 NE 45th Street, Suite 405, Box 354943

The program in Health Informatics and Information Management offers both a postbaccalaureate certificate and a Bachelor of Science degree (Evening Degree Program)."


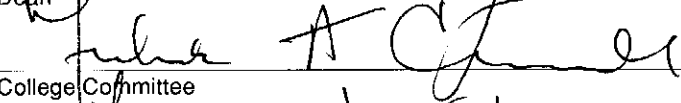


"Health Informatics and Information Management Postbaccalaureate Certificate"

"For more information, please visit the Health Informatics and Information Management Web page"

"Health Informatics and Information Management Major"

"HIIM"

SIGNATURES (required)

Chair/Program Director	Date
	12/15/06
Dean	Date
	1/2/06
College Committee	Date
	1/2/06
Faculty Council on Academic Standards	Date
	2/09/07

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- Parallels current curriculum developments in health information management and applied health informatics on a national basis
- Synchronizes present and potential curriculum revisions that include health information systems and informatics applications in multiple courses
- Discriminates the evolving role of health information administration within the informatics community as electronic health records advance in practice
- Both aligns and differentiates the HIA program with existing University of Washington Informatics programs
- Characterizes the technology changes in individual and aggregate patient data collection, storage and use
- Communicates the nature of the program and a field in transition
- Relates to the national educational accrediting organization, the *Commission on Accreditation of Health Informatics and Information Management*

University Partnerships

The Health Information Administration Program faculty works with graduate programs in the Department of Health Services and in the School of Nursing. Approval for a Health Information Management tract within the Master in Health Care Organizations (MHA) program was granted in 2005 and available in fall quarter, 2006. HIA faculty members guest lecture and teach in courses offered through the Department of Health Services; and will teach a course in Electronic Health Records for the Master of Science in Clinical Informatics and Patient Centered Technology offered through the School of Nursing.

University of Washington Health Care Informatics – Expanding the Profile

The University has established a national presence in biomedical and health care informatics. The Biomedical and Health Informatics (BHI) program, the Clinical Informatics in Patient Centered Technologies (CIPCT), the Center for Public Health Informatics (CPI) and the new initiatives in certificates for Applied Health Informatics within the Master in Health Care Administration MHA program are examples of the growing recognition that biomedical initiatives, quality, technology, and interdisciplinary team demands will create opportunities in informatics for University graduates in this arena. Providing an institutional framework for programs whose graduates may work together in educational projects and in the market place will benefit faculty, students and community partners. The Health Information Administration Program is a nationally recognized program with faculty who leads, teaches and publishes in the health informatics and information management field. Formally moving the program title to depict the current and future role in applied health informatics will better serve the Health Information Administration Program, the Department of Health Services, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, and existing University initiatives in Biomedical and Health Informatics.

Graduate Opportunities

Success of an academic program is heavily invested in the success of its graduates. To be successful, they must meet entry level competencies and be prepared for the ongoing technological changes in play. Many work directly with electronic health record systems and other health information systems associated with decision support, quality measurement, and revenue cycle management. The community of interest for this program is represented by Advisory Board membership as well as students who are working in that community. Market place changes in opportunities are seen in the employment held by recent graduates as they take positions: Clinical Information System Application Specialist, Work Process Analyst, Revenue Cycle Program Manager, Decision Support Analyst, Electronic Health Record Implementation analyst. In fact, as the focus of the program on Electronic Health Records and systems life cycle concepts lead to Capstone projects that help build competencies in these areas, the opportunities for graduates expand accordingly.