Health Information Management

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Overview

Our Health Information Management program trains you to handle personal health information responsibly and effectively.

It combines computer technology, healthcare knowledge and critical analysis skills to equip you with the skills to manage and interpret health data, ensuring that the highest quality of information informs health services.

As a student, you will:

- learn to collect, record, review and transmit health information
- develop the ability to manage and interpret the information contained within health records
- become proficient in industry-specific software for health information management
- understand and apply national data standards in translating patient and medical records into usable data
- provide quality information for patient care, resource allocation, quality improvement, statistics and planning
- receive classroom instruction and laboratory practice to become a proficient health information management professional
- participate in practicum placements within established healthcare facilities.

Instruction is tailored to meet the current demands of the healthcare industry.

Upon graduation, you will be prepared to enter the workforce as a health information management professional, with employment opportunities in hospitals and other healthcare-focused organizations where your expertise in managing critical health data is essential.

Traits, skills and aptitudes

Health information management professionals tend to be methodical, innovative and directive.

You need:

- self-motivation
- critical thinking
- attention to detail
- the ability to multitask and prioritize
- an eye for detail to ensure accuracy
- the ability to sit for long periods
- computer literacy, including accurately typing 30 words per minute (wpm).

You should enjoy taking a step-by-step approach to compiling and sorting information, taking part in data quality controls, using information retrieval systems and responding to requests for information.

You are strongly encouraged to refer to the ALIS website for career, learning, and employment information for health information management professionals to ensure you can successfully meet the occupational requirements for the program and profession.

SAIT program pathways

Graduates of SAIT's Pre-Health Sciences program may meet the admission requirements for this program.

Practicum, Co-op and Work Integrated Learning

In this program, you will participate in two required practicum placements.

You will be assigned practicum placements with consideration given to your preference of location. However, due to limited availability in Calgary, it may be necessary for you to travel or relocate outside the city.

The healthcare field has a strong focus on health, wellness, and fitness to practice due to the demanding nature of the work and

Occupational Health and Safety requirements. As such, special considerations will not be granted based on individual circumstances or preferences, except those stated as protected grounds when an accommodation has been approved.

In compliance with the practica agreements with our clinical partners, you will be required to provide specific documentation before you can participate in your practicum. Find out what requirements you need for this program.

Accreditations, designations and certifications

This program is accredited by the Canadian College of Health Information Management (CCHIM) and meets their curricular standards.

Graduates are eligible to write the CCHIM national exam and obtain their Certified in Health Information Management (CHIM) designation.

Credentials

Upon successful completion of this program, you'll be awarded a SAIT Health Information Management diploma.

Admission requirements

Applicants educated in Canada

All applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency and meet the following requirements or equivalents:

- at least 60% in Math 30-1 or 30-2, and
- at least 60% in English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2, and
- at least 60% in Biology 30

SAIT accepts high school course equivalents for admission for applicants educated outside Alberta.

Applicants educated outside of Canada

All applicants who were educated outside of Canada must demonstrate English language proficiency and provide proof they meet the program admission requirements with an international document assessment. Find accepted educational documents and assessment options.

SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain international post-secondary institutions.

Costs

2026/27 tuition and fees

The following costs are effective as of July 1, 2026.

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees is based on the suggested schedule of study. Following a modified schedule will impact the fees you pay per semester and may alter final costs.

Domestic Students

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2.5*	$5,575.50	$2,015	$7,590.50
2	2.5*	$5,310	$2,015	$7,325
			Total cost:	**$14,915.50**

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for domestic students is based on the recommended course load per year.

*.5 indicates a combination of full-time semester(s) and part-time semester(s) in the same academic year. In many cases, students are completing a practicum during their part-time semester. Part-time students are those taking less than nine (9) course credits in a semester. You are not eligible for the UPass during a part-time semester.

International Students

The program total is based on the estimated amount you will pay if you enter this program during the 2026/27 academic year. The program total amount listed on your letter of admission may appear higher. This amount is your maximum tuition guarantee for the program. SAIT will not exceed this maximum, regardless of changes in tuition and fees between academic years.

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	Additional fees	Total per year
1	2.5*	$19,246.50	$2,015	$21,261.50
2	2.5*	$18,330	$2,015	$20,345
			Total cost:	**$41,606.50**

The estimated total cost of tuition and fees for international students is based on the recommended course load per year.

*.5 indicates a combination of full-time semester(s) and part-time semester(s) in the same academic year. In many cases, students are completing a practicum during their part-time semester. Part-time students are those taking less than nine (9) course credits in a semester. You are not eligible for the UPass during a part-time semester.

Books and Supplies

Books and supplies are approximately $1,000 - $1,500 per full-time year.

This is a bring-your-own-device program with a standard computer hardware and software requirement. See the specific requirements on our computers and laptops page.

An Apple or Windows-based laptop is preferred over other device types. Tablets and phones are not suitable.

Find your booklist on the SAIT Bookstore's website. Booklists are created by semester and available approximately two weeks before classes begin.

Other requirements

- A fee is associated with obtaining a police information check, including a vulnerable sector check, payable to the police or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).
- The School of Health and Public Safety strongly recommends that students meet Alberta Health Services' Standard for Immunization of Post-Secondary Health Care Students. Fees for completing immunization requirements start at $85, however, may increase, depending on your vaccination history, and any new immunizations you choose to acquire.
- A fee of approximately $50 to $100 is associated with an electronic student permit checking submission required for clinical practicum placements, payable to Synergy Gateway through the Verified software platform.
- You are responsible for additional expenses related to your practicum, including pre-practicum requirements and relocation costs to practicum sites outside of Calgary.