RESHAPE THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY with Kent State University’s Online Graduate Programs in Health Informatics kenthi.com
Take advantage of what Kent State University has to offer:

- Association with the world-renowned healthcare system in Northeast Ohio¹
- Faculty member recently recognized by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) as one of the Most Influential Women in Health IT²
- Connections to the Northern Ohio Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (NOHIMSS)

“Kent State’s health informatics (HI) program is an excellent blend of core competencies and knowledge areas that are in-demand in the healthcare space today and forward-thinking toward the future.”

-Jacquelynn Seymour, MS ‘16

¹ Retrieved on November 27, 2018, from my.clevelandclinic.org/about/us-news-rankings
² Retrieved on November 27, 2018, from himssconference.org/updates/himss-most-influential-women-health-it-awards-mw01-2019-recipients
“Because of the broad scope of the health informatics curriculum, graduates are better-prepared for careers in the field. They understand all aspects of health IT which they could not get from on-the-job training.”

-John Sharp, lecturer

Although students have access to Kent State’s Career Services Center, the HI program strives to support students’ career aspirations in the following additional ways:

- Expose students to possible employers
- Include interviews with practicing informaticians as part of the coursework
- Upon request, faculty will make introductions for students
- Networking opportunities through our on-site internship preceptors
An Experiential Curriculum
Formed to fit your needs.

With the same rigorous academic standards as our on-ground programs but the greater flexibility afforded by an online format, the online health informatics (HI) programs at Kent State University feature an experiential curriculum delivered by award-winning professors who are specialists in their field.¹

Choose from either a master’s degree program or a postbaccalaureate certificate, and find the path that suits your aspirations.

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At Kent State, you’ll gain knowledge and confidence in an innovative learning environment that fosters collaboration and integrates real-time case discussions into your coursework.

You will work through contemporary scenarios online, giving you the opportunity to apply your growing expertise and skills to real-world experiences without risk.
Master of Science in Health Informatics

Our online Master of Science in Health Informatics gives students the opportunity to fully explore an innovative, technology-driven field that is reshaping the healthcare industry as we know it. You will learn to search for solutions to contemporary issues that exist in areas like biomedical science, public health and patient care.

Our practitioner faculty incorporate real-world experiences and case studies from the field, fusing theory and practice within the program’s curriculum.

You’ll also have the opportunity to intern at a healthcare facility of your choosing and network with HI experts, forming relationships that can be professionally advantageous after graduation.

Graduates of our master’s program are prepared to:

- Manage health records
- Utilize clinical analytics
- Work with health information systems
- Understand legal issues in HI

Ready to start making a difference?

Apply Now
“Working through some of the technically-focused activities gave me a new level of confidence and reminded me how much I love to learn new things! And not long after I learned the ‘concept mapping’ technique, I was able to put it to use in my work life.”

-Jacquelynn Seymour, MS '16
Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Health Informatics

For those who are looking for a shorter-term commitment that can still increase their professional knowledge, our Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Health Informatics offers an opportunity to complete your studies in as little as a year and start your career in this fast-growing field more quickly.

Students who complete our postbaccalaureate certificate program are prepared to:

• Utilize health information systems
• Manage health records
• Understand and carry out clinical analytics
• Support clinical decisions

And if you decide afterward to continue your studies in HI, 12 credits from the certificate program can later be applied to the master’s program.

Apply Now
Real-World Experience

Online convenience.

Our online HI programs are designed to deliver the skills and knowledge you’ll need to meet and exceed expectations in a high-level position: the right credentials and relevant experience.

The online master’s program concludes with a culminating experience, a course that constitutes your final opportunity to synthesize everything that you have learned in the classroom and put it into practice.
This culminating experience is also your chance to choose the path that best suits your future endeavors. Students may select **one of three options**:

**Research Paper:** Choose an aspect of HI that interests you, form a thesis statement and use your paper to prove or disprove your thesis through research. Your paper can also be a comprehensive and integrated literature review of a particular aspect of HI.

**Project:** Operationalize some aspect of HI by completing an independent or collaborative activity. You may propose a project on your own, have a project assigned to you by your employer or work on a project with a faculty member.

**Internship:** You will be placed in an organization and receive education and training while being eased into the role of an HI specialist. A preceptor will be assigned to you and you will complete activities that help you integrate the concepts you learned in class into your work.
Get Your Foot in the Door

Our connections are your connections.

Our associations with the world-renowned healthcare system in Northeast Ohio,1 as well as the Northern Ohio Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (NOHIMSS) allow you to leverage the unique networking assets our program provides.

No matter your location, we can help enhance your professional network by connecting you with top-ranked hospitals and healthcare facilities as well as industry-leading professors and individuals who are actively transforming the way healthcare and technology combine.

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Faculty Spotlight: Christine A. Hudak, Ph.D., RN-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS

Recently recognized by HIMSS as one of the Most Influential Women in Health IT, Dr. Hudak is a professor and the director of the HI program in the School of Information at Kent State University.

With over 30 years of experience in HI, Dr. Hudak is well-versed and well-respected in her field.

Her professional affiliations include the American Medical Informatics Association, the American Nursing Informatics Association, the American Society of Health Informatics Managers, the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, and the National Institutes of Health Informatics in Canada. She is a member of the Health Informatics Society of Ireland and is a United Kingdom Certified Health Information Professional. She is also the editor of the 4th Edition of the “HIMSS Dictionary of Health Information Technology Terms, Acronyms, and Organizations.”

Learn From the Best

Dr. Hudak teaches special topic classes as well as the following courses:

- HI 60401 (Health Informatics Management)
- HI 60403 (Health Information Systems)
- HI 60413 (Change Management in HI)
- HI 60417 (Public Health Informatics)
- HI 61096 (Individual Investigation in HI)
Your Time Is Valuable
Spend it well.

Now is the time to set yourself apart in a field that is expected to **grow by 22% by 2022**.¹ With peers from a broad range of occupational backgrounds helping to expand your knowledge and viewpoints and challenge your understanding of how healthcare and technology merge and function across different sectors, you’ll build a strong professional network and develop the confidence to make solid, well-informed decisions as you further your own career.

**MS in Health Informatics Career Outcomes by the Numbers:**

Average salaries for key MS in Health Informatics post-graduation careers:²

- **Chief medical information officer:** $378,000
- **Data scientist:** $156,250
- **Director of clinical information systems:** $168,805
- **Professor of health informatics:** $68,000


Different Backgrounds

Common goals.

Study alongside students from a variety of educational and occupational backgrounds. While your origins may vary, you’ll find common ground in your desire to change lives for the better, whether that means in your local community or the world at large.

- 81% Healthcare
- 6% Educational services
- 6% Scientific/Other Professional Services
- 6% Technology

Professional Fields for Online Master’s in HI Students*

*Based on data reported by Kent State students and graduates in September 2018

- 51% Female
- 49% Male
- 67% Ohio residents
- 27% Have advanced degrees
- 100% Are currently employed
- 87% Have more than 4 years of work experience
- 30% Are a U.S. minority

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Helping Others Is Priceless

Our program is affordable.

With asynchronous classes and manageable workloads, our program enables students to set themselves up for future success without sacrificing their current career progress.

Earning a degree that can help you find new and innovative ways to blend healthcare and technology may not be easy, but it shouldn’t be a burden; here are some ways we help our online health informatics graduate students on their journeys:

• Flexible hours allow you to keep your full-time job
• Coursework, skills and methods learned can be immediately applicable to your current job
• Free HIMSS Conference registration for a limited number of students

Questions?

Review our academics FAQs.
Here, Healthcare Is Data-Driven

Begin your journey with Kent State.

Application requirements for the online graduate programs in health informatics include:

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited university with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- GRE scores (for master’s program; GRE waiver available, speak to an Admissions Advisor for more information)
- Completed online application form
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation from professors or employers
- Official transcripts from all prior institutions attended
- Resume/CV
- International students must provide evidence of English Language Proficiency (contact an Admissions Advisor for details on score requirements)

Need more help?
Email our Admissions Advisors at onlinedegrees@kent.edu.
If you have a vision of a brighter future in which lives are bettered by merging clinical expertise with emerging technology, consider how an online Master of Science or Postbaccalaureate Certificate in Health Informatics could help you transform methods of healthcare delivery and provide optimal patient outcomes.

We’re now accepting applications for our upcoming terms.

Learn more about the application process on our website. For questions related to admissions requirements, tuition or financial aid, call an Admissions Advisor at +1 844-234-4073 or send an email to onlinedegrees@kent.edu.