### **Admission Requirements**

Applications to the program are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis for both fall and spring enrollment. All applications must be submitted electronically at **hofstra.edu/gradapply**.

Admission to the program is based on a comprehensive review of multiple criteria, including the following:

- Baccalaureate undergraduate degree from an accredited institution, with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- Three letters of recommendation addressing the applicant's potential for success in graduate school and the health informatics field.
- Written personal statement identifying areas of interest and reasons for seeking advanced training in health informatics.
- Resume.
- An interview with the program director and/or other program faculty member may be required.
- International applicants whose first or native language is not English must submit TOEFL scores.

#### **Provisional Acceptance:**

Students with a GPA lower than 3.0 may be admitted provisionally, pending review of additional requested academic performance or other material by the program director. Provisionally admitted students must earn a minimum grade of B in the first 12 semester hours of course work.



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# Master of Science in Health Informatics



SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND HUMAN SERVICES

## **About the Program**

Hofstra's Master of Science in Health Informatics offers an innovative curriculum and advanced training for the next generation of health informatics professionals.

The interdisciplinary program is designed to address the foundational concepts of information technology systems in health care, and to prepare students to lead IT-based innovation and transform health care delivery, management, and planning. Graduates of the program will be equipped to analyze, design, and manage evolving health information systems for a wide variety of clinical, administrative, and research purposes.

Integral parts of the program include small class sizes and applied experience culminating in a six-credit practicum in which students are assigned to rotations at affiliated health information system departments within various health systems. The practicum rotations offer training, experience, and exposure in all disciplines of health informatics, enabling students to obtain hands-on skills in areas such as electronic medical records, health information exchange, and integration and data analytics.



#### Curriculum

# The curriculum encompases 41 semester hours consisting of:

- 26 credits of core course work\*
- 9 credits of electives
- 6 credits of practicum

\*As part of the 26 credits of core course work, students must successfully complete two courses in one of the Advanced Core Tracks (IT or Clinical Track). The Advanced Core Tracks are designed to assist students in selecting courses based on their areas of interest.

Based on prior educational and professional experience, a student may be eligible for **Executive Standing**, which requires six fewer credits.

#### **Career Potential**

Health informatics is a fast-growing, vital field that brings together health care and information technology and empowers health care specialists to improve the quality and safety of patient care through the delivery, management, and planning of health care services.

Program graduates are qualified for careers as health information systems specialists, health data analysts, managers, and consultants in numerous settings, including health information technology corporations, health care service providers such as hospitals or integrated delivery networks and their business partners, and public health agencies.

