The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) will honor and celebrate health information professionals during the annual Health Information Professionals (HIP) Week, April 17-23, 2023. This year’s theme is “Health Information Powers Innovation.”

During HIP Week, health information professionals engage in focused activities at their healthcare organizations and in their communities to raise awareness of their important work. In addition, health systems recognize the accomplishments of their health information team during HIP Week.

**What is HIM?**

Health Information Management (HIM) is a broad field that connects the administrative, operational, and clinical components of healthcare. HIM specialists affect the quality of patient care and information at every stage of the healthcare delivery process. They may not work directly with patients, but they do care for patients' sensitive medical information. They are essential to making sure that a patient’s healthcare experience goes smoothly.

At East Central College (ECC) in Union, MO has an all-inclusive asynchronous **online** program in **Health Information Management** (HIM). Our course pathways include a 1-semester Healthcare Security Certificate of Specialization, a 1-year Certificate of Achievement or a 2-year Associates of Applied Science (AAS) degree. The HIM program is accredited by Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management (CAHIIM) and because of this accreditation, our AAS graduates are eligible to sit for the nationally recognized RHIT certification exam. The ECC RHIT exam pass rate for academic school year 2020-2021 was 91%, thereby, surpassing the national average 78%. For more information simply visit the ECC website at <https://www.eastcentral.edu/>.

**About AHIMA**

AHIMA is a global nonprofit association of health information (HI) professionals. AHIMA represents professionals who work with health data for more than one billion patient visits each year. AHIMA’s mission of empowering people to impact health drives our members and credentialed HI professionals to ensure that health information is accurate, complete, and available to patients and providers. Our leaders work at the intersection of healthcare, technology, and business, and are found in data integrity and information privacy job functions worldwide.