

## **DSU Receives Accreditation for Master's in Health Information**

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The Commission of Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management ([CAHIIM](#)) education has accredited Dakota State's Master of Science in Health Informatics and Information Management ([MSHIIM](#)).

"DSU is the second university in the U.S. to have CAHIIM-accredited associate, bachelor's, and master's degree programs," said [Dr. Renae Spohn](#), Director of Health Information Management programs and program coordinator for the Master of Science in health informatics and information management.

The accreditation reinforces the institution's commitment to academic excellence in higher education. Dakota State University joins a select group of seven universities' degree programs that have received this accreditation for their master's degree. It is the only accredited health informatics and information management program in South Dakota.

Through the accreditation process, institutions voluntarily subject their programs to a peer review process to meet established standards. Graduating from a CAHIIM accredited program provides students with professionally required industry skills and offers employers assurance that a graduate has experienced a curriculum that is relevant to today's technology-driven healthcare.

"CAHIIM accreditation ensures that students enrolled in our program have high quality, relevant education and can apply their learnings in multiple healthcare management and administration roles in the workplace," Spohn said.

DSU's MSHIIM online program focuses on healthcare organizational management and leadership, health information systems (electronic health records), health information governance, health information protection (privacy and security), health informatics, health data analytics, revenue cycle management, health law and compliance, and healthcare research.

The MSHIIM program joins the already accredited associate degree in [health information technology](#) and bachelor's degree in [health information administration](#). Additionally, DSU offers two undergraduate certificates – the [health care coding certificate](#) and [health information specialist certificate](#) – and a graduate certificate in [health care data analytics](#).

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