

Health Care Management/ Computer Applications Personnel

■ Job Description

Persons employed in the area of health care management use computers as administrative, clinical, and instructional tools in the delivery of health care services. Skill areas include word processing, database management, graphics, report generation, data processing, financial analysis, information management, and data communication.

■ Job Settings

Any health care facility or area in which computers are used such as hospitals, clinics, insurance agencies, or nursing homes

■ Projected Needs

Employment of all health care administrators is expected to grow faster than average in both the nation and the state through 2010. Employment of computer network administrators is growing much faster than average in Illinois. The need for professionals who can manage or coordinate the computer applications related to health information systems should continue as the use of technology in health care administration and medicine rises.

■ Salaries

Salaries tend to be variable and related to agency resources. Entry-level salaries average \$10.93 per hour. Experienced workers earn more, up to \$18.56 per hour.

■ Differences in Training

Levels of training may differ, but students are advised to seek programs with the following key curricula: health care delivery systems, computer technology in health care, management systems and operations, general education, and clinical applications. Students are instructed through classroom lecture and clinical field work with much hands-on computer experience. Students receive the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree.

■ Related Educational Programs

The programs of study listed below are the recommended areas of study to pursue for this

occupation. Clicking on these will lead to files that show in-state and national schools that offer these programs.

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