**HIP Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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Is the HIP grant award renewable?
The grant award is renewable each semester. The following documents would be submitted to your HIP Career Coach by the stated deadlines:
- Tuition bill for the requested semester
- Class schedule for the requested semester
- Final grades and GPA from the prior semester
  (Note: For the grant to be renewed, prior semester GPA must be a 3.0 or above)

Is there a deadline to apply for the HIP grant?
Recipients of the grant are decided on an ongoing basis as follows:
- **Fall Semester** - Last week in July
- **Spring Semester** - First week in December
- **Summer I Session** - Second week in April
- **Summer II Session** - Last week in May

How do I apply for the HIP Grant?
- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1st for priority consideration of financial aid
- Complete and submit the HIP application form  
  https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dHJVUFVSNWNoLXRwcThPZ1lhLXBDYkE6MQ#gid=0
- 250-500 word personal statement of your professional goals and need
- Two letters of recommendation
- Class schedule for the requested semester
- Proof of income
- Interview
- To receive funds student must supply an Unofficial transcript and a Tuition bill for the requested semester

Where do I send my documentation?
HIP Grant Opportunity  
Temple University, CSPCD  
1301 Cecil B. Moore Avenue  
Ritter Annex, 4th Floor

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What is the Health Information Professions Career Pathways Initiative program?
Temple University’s Center for Social Policy and Community Development’s Health Information Professions (HIP) Career Pathways initiative offers individuals five tiers of education and training opportunities — from entry level and advanced certification programs to Associate, Baccalaureate and Master level degrees. Tiers 4 and 5 are offered exclusively through Temple University’s Health Information Management Department.

**HIP Tier 4**

Pre-Health Information Management (Pre-HIM): The pre-professional program consists of approximately 60 credits of general education which serves as the foundation for professional HIP studies. These courses include Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology, Statistics, and Math.

Bachelor’s of Science in Health Information Management (BSHIM): The full-time day professional program consists of 68 credits of HIM including two professional internships. Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification for Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) examination.

**HIP Tier 5**

Master’s of Science in Health Informatics (MSHI): The part-time evening program consists of 30 credits of courses.

Why Temple?
The BSHIM program has been accredited by CAHIIM (Commission on Accreditation of Health Informatics and Information Management) since 1969. We are one of only three accredited programs in Pennsylvania. The BSHIM degree includes two years of pre-professional general education and two years of professional study including two professional internships.

The MSHI program is an Applied Informatics program designed to teach you hands-on skills by industry leaders using state of the art electronic health record systems, database management systems, and other technologies. The program is uniquely designed for working professionals and is the only program created with an interdisciplinary focus in terms of students and faculty with courses taught by the college of Health Professions and Social Work and the Fox School of Business. Courses relate to Health Informatics, Database Development, Management Information Systems, Project Management, Business Analysis, Legal and Ethical Aspects of EHR, EHR Application Standards, Leadership, and a Graduate Seminar and Applied Project.

What are the HIP grant eligibility requirements for the pre-HIM and BSHIM?
- Completed application to Temple University’s BSHIM program
- 3.0 college cumulative grade point average (GPA)
- Annual income 250% of or below the poverty line
- No active financial holds on your account

What are the HIP grant eligibility requirements for the MSHI?
- Completed application to Temple University’s BSHIM program
- Received a bachelor’s degree from accredited college.
- 3.0 college cumulative grade point average (GPA) and 50 percentile in GREs
- Annual income 250% of or below the poverty line
- No active financial holds on your account

How do I apply for one of the Tiers 4—5 Programs?

**Pre-HIM:**
The HIM prerequisites may be taken in the fall, spring or summer semesters.
University Studies Academic Resource Center (ARC)
Monday through Friday 8:30 AM 5:00 PM

**BSHIM:**
BSHIM courses start in the fall semester.

**Current Temple University Students:**

**Transfer students:**
Complete and submit a Temple University application online only through Banner at [https://prd-ssb.temple.edu/prod8/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon](https://prd-ssb.temple.edu/prod8/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon)

**MSHI:**
MSHI courses can be taken starting any semester.

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