

Certificate of the Degree

Post-baccalaureate Certificate option

Programs wishing to offer a post-baccalaureate certificate option must apply to CAHIIM for a “Certificate of the Degree”.

This is a CAHIIM designation for a coherent and complete program offered by an institution as a pathway to the HIM profession for prospective students who hold a previously earned baccalaureate degree or higher from an academic institution accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U. S. Department of Education (USDE).

CAHIIM accredited programs seeking the Certificate of the Degree designation **must receive prior approval from CAHIIM and must document this degree pathway in CAHIIM’s Annual Program Assessment Report (APAR).**

In order to achieve this designation:

- a) **the degree pathway must be a subset of a currently CAHIIM-accredited baccalaureate degree program;**
- b) **the institution must award academic credit; and**
- c) **the institution must be recognized to offer this degree pathway by the institutional accreditor, if such recognition is required.**

The degree pathway **must also be in compliance with the CAHIIM Accreditation Standards for Health Information Management Baccalaureate Degree programs** in so far as applicable standards are met.

Therefore, the pathway must assure the achievement of all competencies as required by the published **Curricular Competencies for Baccalaureate Degree HIM Programs.**