

1: Program Abstract

Summary of Program Outcomes, Graduate Employment Opportunities, Opportunities for Further Study

Program Outcomes

The Bachelor of Health Informatics and Information Management Degree program proposed for implementation in September 2012 is the evolution of the Bachelor of Applied Health Sciences in Health Informatics Management initially approved by PEQAB in November 2004 and offered at Conestoga College ITAL since 2006.

The updated degree is a unique blend of health informatics and health information management competencies, with the goal being recognition by the Canadian College of Health Information Management (CCHIM) concurrent with implementation of the revised degree.

The degree content and focus has been updated to reflect the new relationship with the CCHIM as well as changing expectations for the field of health informatics and information management (see Section 3.3.3 Report – Assessment Against PEQAB Standards and Benchmarks re changes in program content).

Graduate Employment Opportunities

The BAHSc/HIM has been focused on graduating individuals who can contribute as business/data analysts and project managers in health informatics. As described in the Self-Study (section 4.2), initial graduate employment has been strong.

With the updated degree, B.HI & IM, there will be expanded employment opportunities for graduates. This responds to increasing workforce needs identified by the Human Resource Sector Council report, Program Advisory Committee members and the External Advisors (see Program Redesign Report, Section 1.1.1)

Opportunities for Further Study

To date, no formal arrangements exist for graduates of the BAHSc/HIM degree, or the updated B.HI & IM degree to be recognized for graduate work at a university. However, the External Review Report from November 2010 indicates that students' quality of work is at a high level in keeping with degree-level work and that graduates should be successful with graduate work. Work will continue with universities to formalize such relationships.