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THE CROSS ROAD

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The Stargate Project

A Game Changer for Health Informatics Graduates

BY AMY BROWN

The Stargate Project, a $500 billion AI initiative launched in January 2025, is set to transform healthcare through advancements in infrastructure and AI-driven solutions. Led by Oracle, OpenAI, SoftBank, and MGX, the Stargate Project plans to play a major role in the shaping of Healthcare AI.

- Generative AI & Voice Tech: Enhancing patient engagement through AI-powered clinical support and automated appointment scheduling.
- Analytics & Data Science Tools: Improving evidence-based care and cost management through advanced data analysis.
- AI & ML Compliance: Ensuring regulatory and ethical standards for AI-driven healthcare innovations.

For health informatics students, this project marks a shift in industry demands, emphasizing AI integration, data analytics, and regulatory expertise. Those entering the workforce have an exciting opportunity to grow alongside these advancements, gaining expertise in these areas. By developing these in-demand skills, graduates can play a key role in shaping the future of AI-powered healthcare.

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UNG Fall 2025 Registration

REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 27, 2025

- Review your transcript: Unofficial transcript in banner
- Review your Degree Works Worksheet: Degree Works option on main menu in banner
- Review HLIA plan of study and catalog: Please review the HLIA catalog that corresponds to your catalog year
- Meet with your Faculty Advisor: Faculty advisor information can be found on your tranguid or DW worksheet

UNG Degree Works

PLEASE REVIEW AT LEAST ONCE A SEMESTER

DegreeWorks is a degree audit program and academic advising tool designed to assist students and advisors in reviewing degree program progress. A web-based program, DegreeWorks re-organizes a student's transcript chronologically and categorically, easily identifying courses/requirements that have been completed and courses/requirements still needed in order to complete a degree program for graduation.

DEGREE WORKS INSTRUCTIONS

CONTACT YOUR ADVISOR

Dr. Angela Morey - Email
Please contact by email at angela.morey@ung.edu to schedule an appointment

Dr. Rima Gibbings - AdviseMe.UNG
Please use the advisement appointment system to schedule an appointment

Dr. Jane Morris -Email
Please contact by email at jane.morris@ung.edu to schedule an appointment

Dr. Heath Harllee - AdviseMe.UNG
Please use the advisement appointment system to schedule an appointment

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

REGISTRATION BEGINS - MARCH 27
CLASSES BEGIN - AUGUST 11
ADD/DROP ENDS - AUGUST 15

REGISTERATION INSTRUCTIONS

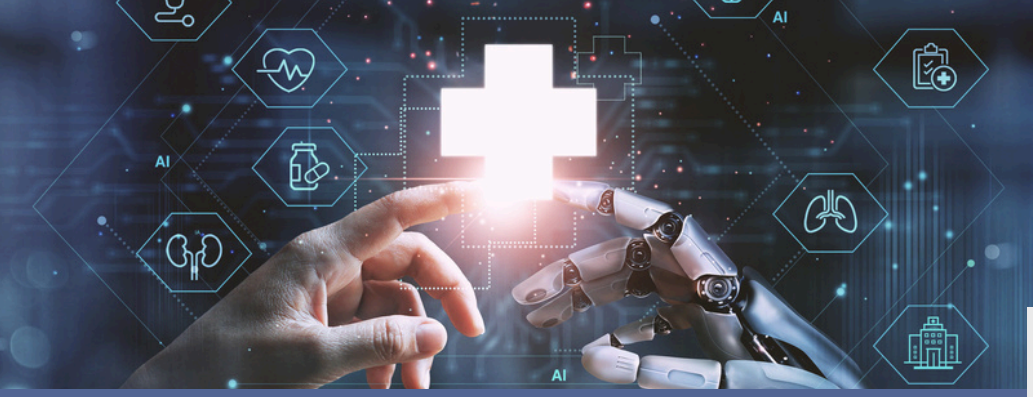
Please follow link above for banner registration instructions or contact the Health Admin department if you are have any questions about registration

HLIA CONCENTRATION DECLARATION

All HLIA B.S. majors must declare a concentration. Please follow the link above or visit the HLIA webpage and submit the Declare a Concentration Form

HLIA CATALOGS

There are currently two HLIA plans of study. Your Catalog Year determines your HLIA Plan of Study. You can find your Catalog year on your Tranguid or DW worksheet



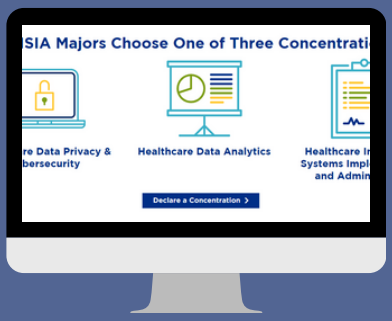
Health Informatics and Administration B.S.

DECLARE A CONCENTRATION

BY JANE MORRIS

The Bachelor of Science In Health Informatics and Administration plan of study currently requires a concentration area. It is highly recommended all students majoring in HLIA declare a concentration as soon as possible.

- Declaring a concentration is important to establish a timely plan to stay on track for graduation.
- Read the UNG College Catalog and use the Plan of Study to map out your courses.
- Be mindful of the prerequisites required for each concentration and plan accordingly.
- Select one of the following concentrations based on personal interests, career goals and best fit for academic success.



Declare a Concentration

Click the link above, scroll down the page, and select Declare a Concentration.
Be sure to include your name on the form!

If you have questions please contact your Academic Advisor.

Available Concentrations

Healthcare Data Analytics

The Data Analytics concentration prepares students to manage, analyze, and visualize healthcare data for informed decision-making. Courses develop skills in data acquisition, health information exchange, and predictive analytics, aligning with industry needs. Graduates are well-equipped for roles like healthcare data analysts and informatics specialists, addressing the growing demand for data-driven solutions in healthcare.

Healthcare Data Privacy and Cyber Security

The Data Privacy and Security concentration equips students with skills in systems analysis, information security, and safeguarding healthcare data. Courses prepare graduates to protect sensitive health information. This expertise aligns with industry demand for security analysts, compliance officers, and IT security professionals in healthcare.

Healthcare Information Systems Implementation and Administration

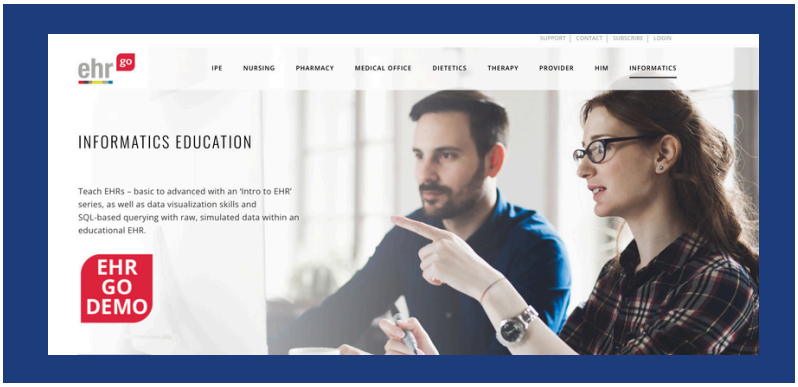
The Healthcare Information Systems Implementation and Administration concentration develops skills in user-centered design, project management, and leadership, ensuring efficient system adoption and usability. Graduates are equipped for roles like health IT project managers, EHR specialists, and informatics leaders, supporting the growing need for effective healthcare technology solutions.

HLIA Technical Requirements

HLIA B.S. PROGRAM TECHNOLOGY POLICY

All HLIA B.S. majors are required to have the following technology equipment in order to complete the Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics and Administration:

- Laptop or desktop computer
- external webcam
- Access to reliable internet service
- Basic Processing Software to complete assignments (ex. MS Office)



EHR GO

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SIMULATION

THIS IS THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE EDUCATION

Go is an educational Electronic Health Record (EHR) and learning platform. The Go EHR includes 700+ customizable patient cases and activities built around the diverse and realistic human stories healthcare professionals see every day. All HLIA B.S. majors will need to purchase a subscription . There are multiple subscription options that can last throughout the HLIA program. Each student will only need to purchase one subscription for all courses a subscription for each course is not necessary. Please contact the department if you have further questions.

HLIA TESTING POLICY ON TECHNOLOGY

The use of iPhones, I-Pads, or tablets will not be allowed for Quizzes and Exams

EHR GO SUBSCRIPTION

Most HLIA 3000 - 4000 level courses have ehr go assignments

One subscription can be used for all HLTH courses for subscription period

EHR Go subscription purchase is a available through UNG bookstore

10 Reasons to Join a Professional Organization as a Student

ARE THERE BENEFITS TO JOINING A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION WHILE STILL A STUDENT?

BY JANE MORRIS

College students are finding the answer to be a definitive yes! A professional organization is defined as a group of people who work in the same field and seek to support and advance their profession. Joining a professional organization as a student allows you to explore, connect and gain early access to valuable resources in your chosen field. Many professional organizations offer student memberships free or at a reduced cost.

10 Key benefits for student membership in a professional organization:

1. **Networking** – Connect with professionals in your field, including potential employers and students with similar career goals.
2. **Career Development** – Access job postings, obtain career advice and seek out student mentorship opportunities.
3. **Professional Development** – Attend conferences, webinars and workshops to learn industry trends and gain new skills even as a student.
4. **Teamwork** – Learn how to work with others and solve problems.
5. **Self-awareness** – Learn more about yourself and your strengths and weaknesses.
6. **Leadership Experience** – Seek opportunities to gain leadership experience in your field.
7. **Industry Knowledge** – Stay up to date on the latest industry trends and research.
8. **Community Building** – Connect with other students and peers who share your interests.
9. **Scholarship Opportunities** – Apply for student scholarships sponsored by professional organizations.
10. **Resume Builder** – List your membership and highlight involvement in a professional organization to add depth to your resume.

As a student, conduct your research and find the professional organization that best matches your career goals. To the right find a list of some focused on the healthcare informatics field.

GET CONNECTED!

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)

https://www.ahima.org/ahima-membership/student-member-resources/

American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)

https://amia.org/membership/student-center

American Nursing Informatics Association (ANIA)

https://www.ania.org/membership/students

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)

https://www.himss.org/membership/individual/

Project Management Institute (PMI)

https://www.pmi.org/shop/us/p-/membership/student-membership/101013

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS EVENTS

WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE

MARCH 21, 2025

GRADUATION and COMMENCEMENT

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 AT 10 A.M.

UNG GRADUATION INFO

UNG COMMENCEMENT INFO

DEANS LIST FALL 2024

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KAITLYN MICHELLE ABERNATHY

LILIY MARIE GILLEECE

LIZABETH SUAREZ

SARAH BYARS

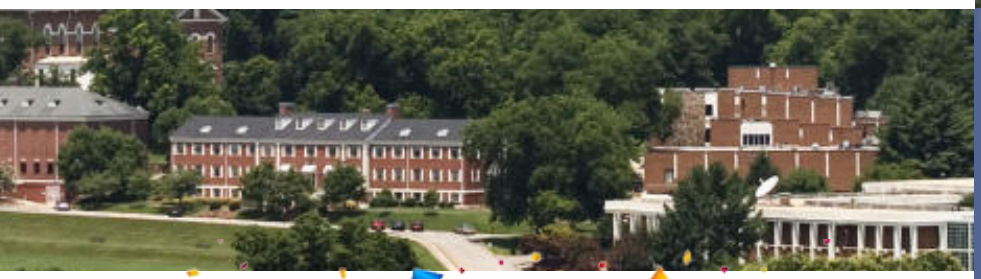
ASHLEY MINER

UNG 30th Annual Research Conference

Date: Friday, March 21, 2025
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location:
Cottrell Center, Dahlonega campus

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION FACULTY AND STAFF



The Newest Member of the College of Health Sciences & Professions Grandparents Club!

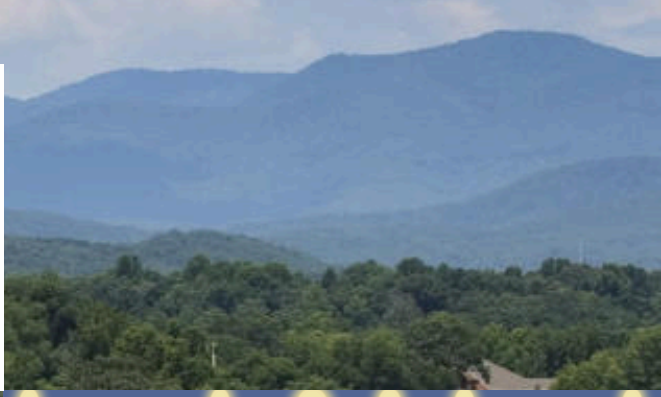
CHSP GRAND PARENT'S Club

Jane Morris

We are thrilled to share that Dr. Jane Morris, Assistant Professor in the Health Administration Department, welcomed her first grandchild last month!

Cash Julian Steele made his grand entrance on January 18, 2025, weighing in at 7 lbs. 14 oz.

Join us in congratulating MAMA J on this joyful new chapter!



Promoted to Assoicate Professor with Tenure

SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2024

Speaker at AMIA 2024 Boston to present " Generative AI Solutions For Corrective Action"

Dr. Gibbings with the HADM presented at the 2024 GC3 HIMSS Chapter Conference on “Assessing the Promise of AI in Enhancing Patient Safety.”

In 2024 Dr. Gibbings was a co-author on the published articles Impact of COVID-19 on Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Diagnosis and Management in the US and

Service To UNG and Students

Health Administration Department Representative for the UNG Faculty Senate

Member of the Lanier Tech Health Information Management Advisory Board

HADM Faculty Advisor

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