

Professional Practice Experience Requirement

Health Information Technology –Data Management students are required to complete an externally supervised Professional Practice Experience (PPE) during their last semester in the program. Students must log minimum of 40 hours of PPE time.

PPE Sites: Assignment of PPE sites is at the discretion of the faculty. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from assigned PPE sites. PPE sites could be within an hour radius of the college and may require a mandatory parking fee. Sites outside of Connecticut may be available for interested students.

Criminal History and Drug Testing: A criminal background check is required. Additionally, students will be screened against the Health and Human Services' List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (<https://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/>). Drug testing is required by many healthcare organizations. Students may be required to show identification documents to meet facility administrative and security requirements. Students are responsible for the expenses associated with obtaining the criminal background check and drug testing.

Health: Health requirements vary by facility and students are responsible for any expenses incurred in meeting facility requirements. This may include showing:

- evidence of satisfactory physical condition based on a physical examination in the past 12-months;
- evidence of up-to-date vaccinations for healthcare workers as recommended by Centers for Disease Control (CDC) (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/hcw.htm>);
- and evidence of tuberculosis screening and testing per CDC health care personnel guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/testing/healthcareworkers.htm>).

Any student who has concerns about meeting any of the above requirements should contact the program coordinator before enrolling in the Health Information Technology – Data Management program.