

## **Opening Statement Sample**

Benjamin College is located in Chicago, IL and is one of the oldest healthcare colleges in Illinois. The Benjamin College Health Information Administration (HIA) program is a 128-credit hour, online, Bachelor of Science degree that has been a successful program since the mid-2000's. This program was last accredited in 2006. The HIA program is located in the Department of Healthcare Business and was designed to be a continuation for the Associate degree in HIT as well as a standalone bachelor's degree program. The HIA students are prepared to work with electronic health records and perform other tasks such as medical coding, billing, data analysis and reporting, legal compliance and other technical processes (mostly in electronic, but also in paper formats), as well as managerial and leadership functions such as process improvement, policy and procedure creation, finance, staffing and project management.

Here is a link to the program's main webpage: <https://www.benjamincollege.edu/health-information-management/degree-options/bachelor-of-science-in-health-information-administration/> which includes admission criteria, program outcomes, the curriculum plan, course descriptions, accreditation notification, state authorization information and transfer resources. It also includes median salary, job outlook and career opportunity information.

The campus is very supportive of the HIA program and shows this in many ways. The college supports the program with dedicated, qualified faculty, resources to support the program as needed, support for faculty to create well designed online courses within the program, eligibility for students to get financial aid and/or scholarships, mechanisms for students to get involved in campus life, and a very helpful library staff to help students access appropriate resources for assignments/projects.

Benjamin College has the only baccalaureate in HIM degree in Illinois. The community hires our HIA students and allows them to work around their class schedules as needed; allows students to job shadow, take tours, and interview healthcare staff to help complete various class assignments, and allows students to complete internships in various healthcare settings. The majority of our students obtain employment prior to graduation from the HIA program due to the student's preparedness and Professional Practice Experience (PPE) experiences.