

Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education

January 24, 2020

Robin Bowen, EdD
President
Arkansas Tech University
Administration Building
1509 N Boulder
Russellville, AR 72801

Dear President Bowen:

The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **January 23, 2020** to award **Continuing Accreditation for Seven Years** to the Health Information Management Baccalaureate Degree Program at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, AR. The Program's next Comprehensive Program Review for Continuing Accreditation will be in **2027-2028**.

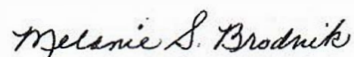
The Comprehensive Program Review conducted by the CAHIIM Health Information Management Accreditation Council and the CAHIIM Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established *CAHIIM Accreditation Standards*.

Progress Report Requirement: The program must submit a Progress Report that satisfies the remaining Standard deficiencies that resulted from the program review process and that requires the institution's attention in order to achieve full compliance with the Standards. CAHIIM requests that a Progress Report be completed by **July 24, 2020** that documents the manner in which these deficiencies have been resolved and includes evidence of implementation.

The program director will continue to submit this information in the CAHIIM Accreditation System. Failure to submit this report by the due date may place the program on Administrative Probationary Accreditation. An unsatisfactory progress report or a Substantive Change in Program Director during the progress report process may result in a Focused Review of the program.

The Commission recognizes you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in higher education, as demonstrated by your participation in programmatic accreditation.

Sincerely,



Melanie Brodnik, PhD, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA
Chair, CAHIIM Board of Directors

Encl: Continuing Accreditation Award Certificate

Cc: Jeff Robertson, PhD, Dean, College of Natural and Health Sciences, Professor of Astrophysics
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Standards Partially Met

Rationale Statements

Guidelines for Compliance

Standard 3. Program

Evaluation. The program must have an assessment plan for systematic evaluation of mission, goals and objectives.

No actual assessment plan is found. The program described a process, but no measures were found nor were corrective actions taken found.

Develop an HIM program assessment plan with measures. Detail any corrective actions taken as a result of the process described.

The ATU strategic plan and student handbook are not equivalent to a program assessment plan. The process described in the program response is good; however, no actual measures were found nor were any corrective actions taken found.

Standard 22. Financial Support.

Resources to support the program's goals and outcomes must include evidence of financial support for the program.

The submitted budget remains a combined HI/HIM budget. The template does not meet the compliance guideline of submission of a separate budget. Without a separate budget, it is not possible to determine the financial support for the HIM program.

Submit a budget that, at minimum, separates expenses for the undergraduate HIM program from those of the graduate HI program. Assure that the undergraduate budget is adequate to support the program.

Standard 24. The Curriculum.

The program must demonstrate that the curriculum meets or exceeds the professional course content as published in the AHIMA HIM entry-level curriculum competencies and knowledge clusters for baccalaureate degree programs.

Competency V.C.1. remains partially met.

Provide an assignment that addresses the policies and procedures for monitoring fraud and abuse.