



HEALTH INFORMATION CAREERS

Advanced Credentials: CHDA and CHPS Pathways

Quick Facts:

Goal: Obtain an advanced credential that shows a commitment to health information through focusing on privacy and security or data analysis

Time needed to complete path: 4-5 years of experience required.

What are Advanced Credentials?

Advanced credentials are for health professionals looking to achieve recognition of their expertise and validate mastery and specialized competence.

With the ARRA emphasis on the use of electronic health records, the healthcare industry continues to become more data-driven, making health data analysts more valuable than ever. Individuals who earn the CHDA designation will achieve recognition of their expertise in health data analysis and validation of their mastery of this domain. This certification signifies practitioners with the knowledge to acquire, manage, analyze, interpret, and transform data into accurate, consistent, and timely information, while balancing the "big picture" strategic vision with day-to-day details. CHDA-credentialed professionals exhibit broad organizational knowledge and the ability to communicate with individuals and groups at multiple levels, both internal and external.

The CHPS credential denotes competence in designing, implementing, and administering comprehensive privacy and security protection programs in all types of healthcare organizations. Becoming a CHPS-credentialed professional demonstrates a choice to focus and advance by specializing in the privacy and security dimensions of HIM and show a commitment to advancing privacy and security management practices, as well as lifelong learning and professional development.

What education or background will I need?

To sit for the CHDA you'll need one of the following:

- Baccalaureate degree or higher and a minimum of five (5) years of healthcare data experience for the CHDA, or
- Healthcare Information Administration credential (RHIA) and a minimum of one (1) year of healthcare data experience.

To become a CHPS, you'll need one of the following:

- A baccalaureate degree and a minimum of four (4) years experience in healthcare management or
- Master's or related degree (JD, MD, or PhD) and two (2) years of experience in healthcare management or

- An HIM credential (RHIT or RHIA) with a baccalaureate or higher degree, and a minimum of two (2) years of experience in healthcare management.

Once I meet the requirements, what's the next step?

You can take a national credentialing exam to get your [CHDA](#) or [CHPS](#) credential.