

## Tavia—BHIM Graduate, USA



The Health Information Management degree at La Trobe University has provided me with a unique balance of academic skills and practical experience required to pursue exciting career opportunities both in Australia and overseas.

I have had the opportunity to work in the health information management field in Australia as a Health

Information Manager in mental health, in the United Kingdom as a Hospital Incidents Co-ordinator, in Canada as a Clinical Coding Manager, and currently in the United States as a Project Co-ordinator for a not-for-profit pharmaceutical company.

I particularly appreciate the flexibility of being able to work in various areas of health care management and I have found that the skills I learnt, particularly in areas such as clinical classification, electronic health information systems, and healthcare management have allowed me the opportunity to work in many areas of health management.

Health Information Management is a great career where you have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of positions in many different settings in Australia and internationally.

## Jessica – BHIM Graduate

I was one of those students who wasn't really sure what I wanted to study after year 12 and ended up completing 2 years of a Science degree before realising that this wasn't really what I wanted.

I remember reading in the Herald Sun one day about the Health Information Management career and thought that this sounded interesting. I looked up the course in the VTAC guide and although I was still unsure about the career, I thought it would be a good starting point as the course offered a variety of subjects such as Management, Pathology, Informatics and Health Law and Ethics.



Looking back, I am glad that I chose to do the Health Information Management degree. Since graduating, I have worked at The Royal Women's Hospital and in the three years, I have moved into various positions beginning in a Coding role and moving my way up through to the Deputy Manager role. You learn so much being out and it will surprise you how much of your study you can apply to everyday situations in the workplace. The course gives you a very solid foundation to build upon and I still find that I am learning new things everyday.

Overall, I am very happy with the career choice I have chosen. There are always opportunities to develop as a professional and the scope of work that a Health Information Manager can be involved in are endless. Health Information Management is a career I would recommend to anyone who has a keen interest in the health field, but not necessarily in a hands on role."