## Studying Health Information Management Transcript

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La Trobe University  
Health Information Management

“Health information managers are involved across every aspect of patient information.”

“The best thing about the course is that you have such variety”

“I got my job before I even graduated from the course”

“Basically you can go wherever you want to go”

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Jessica Chang – Health Information Manager – Royal Women’s Hospital

“I think just the variety that you could do in the role. I know there’s the IT aspect, there’s more the health aspect, there’s a research aspect. Once you finished the degree you can actually go into any field you want. Even Law, if you wanted to further your career. I think that was a key selling point for me. “

“I had a variety of placements. We had a country placement. Then I had a private hospital placement and then a public hospital one and then one also in the Department of dermatology as well. Somewhere where the HIM’s don’t work, actually in a medical records environment, and actually had different departments. So it was good to see where HIM’s can actually work.”

“I think coming from the Science degree, you had about 200 students in every single lecture. It was always very impersonal. Going into this course where you had 50 or so students, I found it a lot more personal. You got to know the lecturers a lot better and you knew everyone in the course as well. So that’s what I liked. It was a really nice, warm, friendly, environment. I guess it attracts a lot of students who have been out doing another course and they transfer over to health information management but it’s definitely a really good course to do. Like I said it has a lot of job opportunity there, opportunities at the end are really good as well. A lot of the students who are in their fourth year already have a job before they even graduate. “

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Sandra Costa – Health Information Manager – Cedar Court

“I didn’t really know what I wanted to do in Year 12 and I wanted to do some work in Health Sciences that could work in the public sector but I didn’t have anything in particular in mind. Knowing that the course offered so many things and that it was so broad was just the right move. There’s just so many job opportunities out there. I got my job before I even graduated from the course and have been working in it for 6 months. Everyone is willing to give you a shot at anything basically. So don’t be afraid, just get out there.

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Matthew Thatcher – Health Information Manager – iSoft

“In terms of being interested in IT and the development for growth. For sure, it’s a course that has grown so much in such a short time. It was a big eye opener, in terms of having a very broad knowledge of the course when we first started to actually where we can be. From second year uni it was excellent to see the chances and the opportunities that were ahead of us and the enthusiasm of our lecturers was great too. In terms of having the knowledge and the trust in us, we’ll be out there, and we’ll be implementing computer systems and providing excellent health information management skills.”

“It is hard for them to understand, what is a health information manager? To put it in the simplest way we are out there to help and provide good IT and quality systems for hospitals.”