Health Informatics

Harare, Zimbabwe

Health systems in Zimbabwe and across Africa are moving to electronic records, health data reporting and digital programmes, and they need people who understand both public health and the systems behind it. This programme builds both. Your diploma is awarded by ABMA Education, a UK awarding organisation regulated by Ofqual: three levels of one year each (3 years) covering the science of public health, epidemiology and statistics, communicable and non-communicable disease, maternal and child health, health promotion, crisis response and public health management. Alongside each level you study health IT modules — health information systems and electronic health records, data quality and dashboards, the systems lifecycle, and privacy, security and information governance — that also prepare you for the optional HIMSS CAHIMS (Certified Associate in Healthcare Information and Management Systems) specialist exam. ABMA examinations are sat at BriteEducation, an ABMA Education Recognised Centre (No. 2851). Students who choose CAHIMS take it online through Pearson VUE OnVUE live remote proctoring, from a testing room at our Harare campus; the exam fee is paid to HIMSS separately. Every award is external: the college issues no certificate of its own.

Qualifications and exams

DIPLOMA

ABMA Education (UK) Diploma in Professional Public Health Management
Levels 4, 5 and 6 · Ofqual-regulated · university top-up route. One year per level (two 4-month semesters), examined at BriteEducation, ABMA Recognised Centre No. 2851.

OPTIONAL SPECIALIST EXAM

HIMSS CAHIMS — Certified Associate in Healthcare Information & Management Systems
Optional. Written online with a live remote proctor (Pearson VUE OnVUE) in a testing room at BriteEducation's Harare campus, after the preparation modules. Exam fee paid to HIMSS separately.

- Diploma: ABMA Education (UK) Diploma in Professional Public Health Management, Levels 4, 5 and 6, on the UK Regulated Qualifications Framework and regulated by Ofqual. Examined by ABMA.
- Optional specialist exam: HIMSS CAHIMS (Certified Associate in Healthcare Information and Management Systems), examined by HIMSS and taken online through Pearson VUE OnVUE. Exam fee paid separately.
- University route: the ABMA Level 6 Diploma is at the level of the final year of a UK bachelor's degree, so graduates can apply for a one-year top-up degree, subject to each university's entry requirements.

Curriculum: Level 4 to Level 6

Three levels of one year each (3 years). Each level pairs the ABMA Public Health Management units with health IT modules that prepare you for the optional HIMSS CAHIMS specialist exam.

Stage	ABMA (UK) units — externally examined	Health IT modules (prepare for optional HIMSS CAHIMS)
Level 4 1 year	1. Introduction to Science for Public Health 2. Social Science 3. Principles of Public Health 4. Introduction to Epidemiology and Statistics 5. Determinants of Health	• The Healthcare and Technology Environment • Health Information Systems and Electronic Health Records (EHR) **ABMA Level 4 examinations**
Level 5 1 year	1. Communicable Diseases 2. HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis 3. Pneumonia and Malaria 4. Introduction to Non-communicable Diseases, Mental Ill Health and Injury 5. Health of Women, Children and Young People	• Health Data Quality, Analytics and Dashboards • Health IT Systems Lifecycle: Analysis, Implementation and Testing **ABMA Level 5 examinations**
Level 6 1 year	1. Mental Health, Disability and Ageing 2. Public Health in a Crisis or Disaster 3. Working in Public Health 4. Health Education and Health Promotion 5. Managing Public Health	• Privacy, Security and Health Information Governance • CAHIMS Exam Preparation and Mock Examinations (optional specialist exam) **ABMA Level 6 examinations · optional HIMSS CAHIMS specialist exam**

Fees

Programme	Duration	Tuition
ABMA Public Health Management: Diploma Level 4	1 year (2 semesters)	US$400 per 4-month semester
ABMA Public Health Management: Diploma Level 5	1 year (2 semesters)	US$400 per 4-month semester
ABMA Public Health Management: Diploma Level 6	1 year (2 semesters)	US$400 per 4-month semester

> Flexible payment plans available. Exam fees: optional HIMSS CAHIMS specialist exam US$369–459, set by HIMSS (depends on membership), paid separately.

Entry requirements

5 O Levels or any other related qualification. Students with no qualifications yet, or results pending, start with the 4-month Level 3 Certificate (bridging).

Study modes

Weekday, evening, weekend or live online, on campus in Harare or from anywhere.

Careers

- Health Informatics Assistant
- Health Information Officer
- Medical Data Officer
- Monitoring and Evaluation Assistant
- Health Systems Support Specialist
- Public Health Programme Officer
- Digital Health Operations Associate
- Health Programme Data Clerk

Questions students ask

Is health informatics at BriteEducation a recognised UK qualification?
Yes. Public Health Management is an ABMA Education qualification (Diploma Level 4, Diploma Level 5, Diploma Level 6). ABMA Education is a UK awarding organisation recognised and regulated by Ofqual, and BriteEducation is an ABMA Education Recognised Centre, centre number 2851. Levels 4, 5 and 6 take one year each (2 years to Level 5, 3 years to Level 6), examined at the end of each level.

Can I go to university after the Public Health Management diploma?
Yes. The ABMA Diploma Level 6 is at the same level as the final year of a UK bachelor's degree, so graduates can apply for a one-year top-up degree, and ABMA lists top-up master's and MBA routes. Each university sets its own entry requirements; our admissions team helps you plan the route before you enrol.

What is the HIMSS CAHIMS exam, and do I have to take it?
CAHIMS (Certified Associate in Healthcare Information and Management Systems) is an entry-level health IT certification from HIMSS, the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. It is an optional specialist exam: your qualification is the ABMA diploma. Our health IT modules prepare you for CAHIMS, and students who choose it write the exam online with a live remote proctor (Pearson VUE OnVUE) at our Harare campus. The exam fee is paid to HIMSS separately.

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