



WELCOME TO AHIMA MEMBERSHIP



Empowering People to Impact Health®

Joining was easy. Using the benefits of your AHIMA membership is even easier. This welcome kit will help you get started and get the most out of your AHIMA membership.

WELCOME

From Our CEO



Wylecia Wiggs
Harris, PhD

Congratulations on your new AHIMA membership. We are so excited to work with you.

Our mission is Empowering people to impact health®. Together we can create a world where trusted information transforms health and healthcare by connecting people, systems, and ideas.

This welcome kit will help you get the most out of your AHIMA membership and start accessing the content, networks, and benefits we know you'll love.

We're here to help you. If you need information, contact us at (800) 335-5535 or visit us at ahima.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wylecia Wiggs Harris".

Wylecia Wiggs Harris, PhD, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
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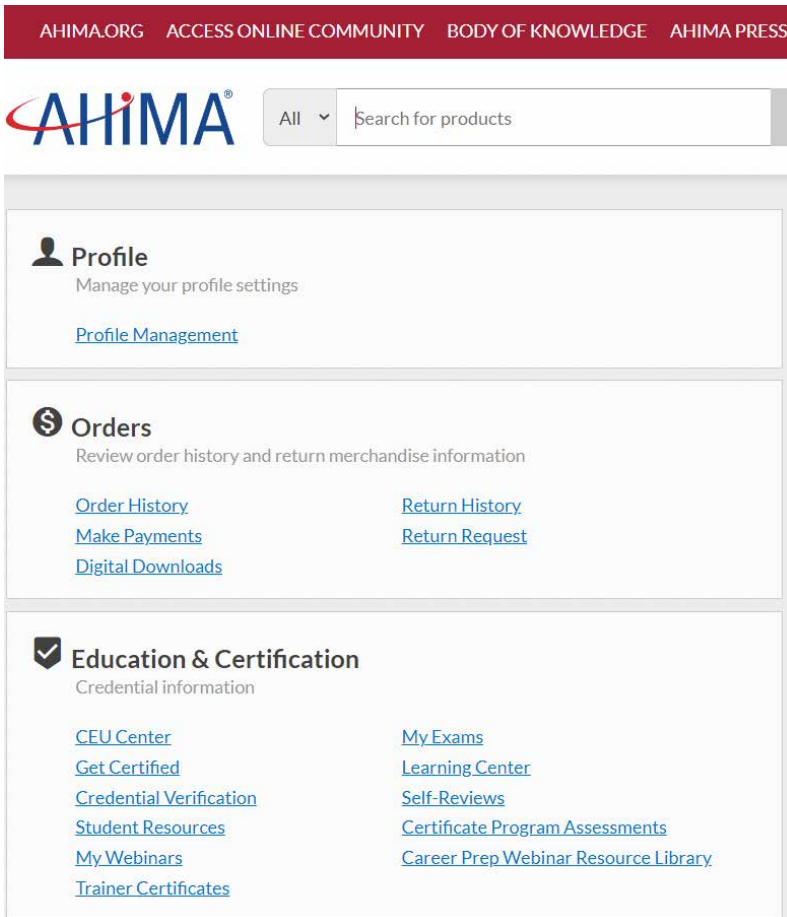
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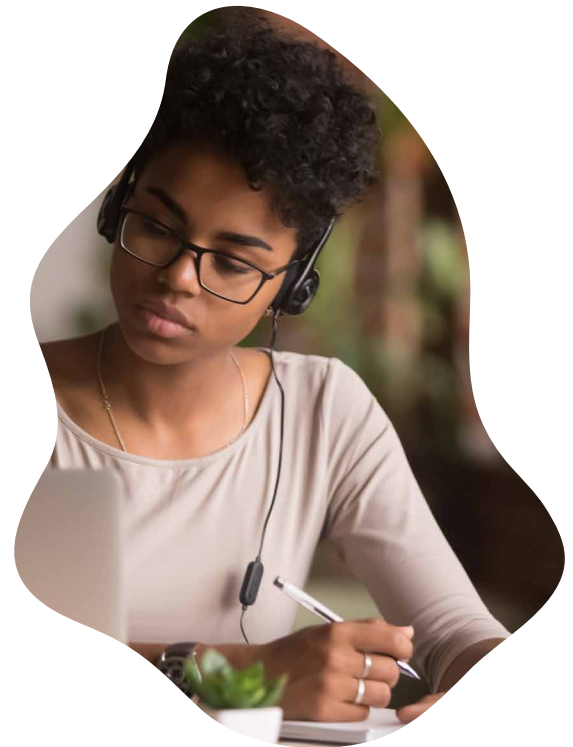
GET STARTED

Make AHIMA membership work for you, with the content, community, and tools you need to excel in your career. We are here to support you and provide resources you need to easily stay up to date on industry trends, access and save on educational resources, and build a network of peers to support you on your professional journey.

Your first step is to login to your myAHIMA account at my.ahima.org.



The screenshot shows the myAHIMA user dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for AHIMA.ORG, ACCESS ONLINE COMMUNITY, BODY OF KNOWLEDGE, and AHIMA PRESS. Below this is the AHIMA logo and a search bar with a dropdown menu set to 'All' and the text 'Search for products'. The dashboard is divided into three main sections: 1. Profile: Includes a person icon, the title 'Profile', the subtitle 'Manage your profile settings', and a link for 'Profile Management'. 2. Orders: Includes a dollar sign icon, the title 'Orders', the subtitle 'Review order history and return merchandise information', and links for 'Order History', 'Return History', 'Make Payments', and 'Return Request'. 3. Education & Certification: Includes a checkmark icon, the title 'Education & Certification', the subtitle 'Credential information', and links for 'CEU Center', 'Get Certified', 'Credential Verification', 'Student Resources', 'My Webinars', 'Trainer Certificates', 'My Exams', 'Learning Center', 'Self-Reviews', 'Certificate Program Assessments', and 'Career Prep Webinar Resource Library'.



myAHIMA is your entry point to members-only benefits, where you can:

- ◇ Manage your profile
- ◇ Manage your membership
- ◇ Discover Career Center resources and the AHIMA job board
- ◇ Advocacy Assistant
- ◇ Check your order history
- ◇ Track your credentials
- ◇ Directly link to Access Online Community, the Body of Knowledge, and The Journal of AHIMA
- ◇ Access digital content
- ◇ Become a volunteer
- ◇ Claim free CEUs
- ◇ View your messages
- ◇ Visit the AHIMA sStore

TAKE A TOUR

Manage Your Membership

First, complete your profile. Tell us about yourself so we can best serve you. You can also select which communications you'd like to receive, print out your membership card, and renew your membership in the future.

The screenshot displays a user's profile management interface. On the left, a sidebar shows 'Profile Completeness (100%)' with a green progress bar. Below this, a list of profile sections is shown with green checkmarks: Personal Information, Contact Information, Addresses, Education, Communication Preferences, Current Employment, Professional Experience, Involvement, and Area of Expertise. At the bottom of the sidebar are links for 'Change Username', 'Change Password', and 'Log Out'. The main content area is titled 'Membership' and shows 'Professional (Current)' status, 'Member since: 06/15/2022', and 'Expires on: 06/14/2023'. To the right, it indicates 'Illinois CSA' with a map of Illinois. At the bottom of the membership card are buttons for 'Download Card' and 'Manage Membership'.

Redeem Your CEUs

All member types, except Emeritus and Student members, receive free continuing education units (CEUs) that can be redeemed in the Rewards Center. Professional members receive four and Premier members receive eight annually. Members also receive discounts on CEUs purchased from the AHIMA Store.

The screenshot shows the AHIMA website navigation bar. It features the AHIMA logo on the left, a search bar with a dropdown menu set to 'All' and the text 'Search for products', and a series of icons on the right: a user profile, a calendar with a red notification badge, a message icon, and a shopping cart icon. Below the navigation bar is a horizontal menu with the following items: 'Education & Certification', 'Certified Education Providers', 'Membership', 'Digital Content', 'Community', 'Rewards', and 'Message Center'. A black arrow points down from the Rewards icon in the top navigation bar.

GET CERTIFIED

From the Education & Certification tile, you can maintain your certifications or start preparing to earn an AHIMA credential that positions you as a committed professional leader and a role model in the health information community. Investing in [AHIMA certification](#) is an investment in yourself and your career.



As a member, you receive preferred pricing on exam registration, exam prep, and more than 50% off credential maintenance for every AHIMA certification listed below:

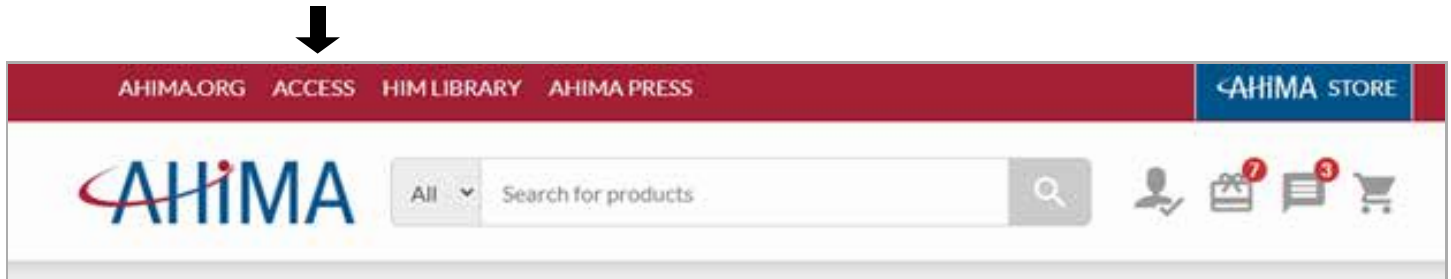
- ◇ Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA®)
- ◇ Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT®)
- ◇ Certified in Healthcare Privacy and Security (CHPS®)
- ◇ Certified Health Data Analyst (CHDA®)
- ◇ Certified Documentation Improvement Practitioner (CDIP®)
- ◇ Certified Coding Specialist (CCS®)
- ◇ Certified Coding Specialist – Physician-based (CCS-P®)
- ◇ Certified Coding Associate (CCA®)



NETWORK WITH PEERS

[Access](#), powered by Next Wave Connect, is a members-only digital community platform, where you can network and engage with AHIMA, your fellow health information professionals, and others in the healthcare industry who share your interests. You'll also find blogs and curated health information content based on your interests and your geography. Think "LinkedIn" for health information professionals.

You can go directly to Access from the topline navigation of your myAHIMA portal:



From the My Communities section you can:


1) Check out the community directory, featuring current and forward-thinking topics such as:

- ◇ Career mobility
- ◇ Health literacy for health equity
- ◇ Digital health transformation
- ◇ Artificial intelligence and machine learning
- ◇ Rural health leadership
- ◇ Workforce diversity and safety
- ◇ Interoperability
- ◇ Patient advocacy, engagement, and experience
- ◇ Payer shifts
- ◇ The agile healthcare supply chain
- ◇ Virtual care




2) Join your component state association (CSA) community. When you join AHIMA, you automatically become a member of your association. Your CSA is a local version of AHIMA, providing region-specific events, education, networking, and volunteer opportunities.

3) Learn about industry initiatives such as the Baldrige Foundation Institute for Performance Excellence.



Baldrige Foundation
Institute for Performance
Excellence

Community Management



[View All](#)

Description

The Baldrige Foundation's Institute for Performance Excellence is a thought leader on performance excellence, leadership and management. Our team carries out its mission in a number of ways: undertaking research projects, hosting conferences and activities, conducting executive-level and online professional development and skills training, making resources available to enhance organizational performance, and publishing and distributing a wide variety of educational materials to share best practices.

Bonus:

AHIMA Access is part of the broader Digital Health Community (DHC) Network. AHIMA is one of many industry leaders in the DHC Network, meaning you'll be able to connect with over 70,000 additional health innovators participating in communities built around dynamic, cutting-edge topics. Join the other thought leaders in your field via a virtual community of peers who embrace social media as a driver of change in the health IT industry.

**Getting Started




****DHC Network**
Keep up with the buzz and developments around the Digital Health Community and broader healthcare industry through this community. Our goal is to create a virtual community.

[Following](#)



EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

With your AHIMA membership you'll have access to trusted content around the topics that matter most to you.



Digital Content

Review your Digital Content such as Journal of AHIMA

Journal of AHIMA	My Product Quizzes
AHIMA Press	My Journal Quizzes
BOK	My CodeWrite Quizzes
My Webinar Quizzes	My Train-The-Trainer Quizzes
MediRegs Weekly Regulatory Highlights	Brand Builder – Career Planning Resources
NEW! ROI Toolkit	

[Journal of AHIMA](#) is our flagship digital magazine, delivering best practices in areas such as revenue cycle, workforce development, and privacy and security, as well as regulatory and health industry updates. Stay current on emerging issues that affect the accuracy, timeliness, access to, and safety of patient health data.

JOURNAL^{OF}AHIMA


Revenue Cycle Health Data Workforce Development Privacy and Security Regulatory and Health Industry From AHIMA

From the Journal of AHIMA home page, you can also access these additional resources:

				
PHIM	HI Pitch Podcast	Newsletters	AHIMA Press	CE Quizzes

[Perspectives in Health Information Management](#) (PHIM) is our scholarly, peer-reviewed online research journal, focused on the linkage of practice, education and research, and furthering the understanding and improvement of health information processes and outcomes.

HI Pitch Podcast offers perspectives from leaders in the health information industry. Listen directly from our website or stream through platforms such as Apple Podcasts, GooglePlay, Spotify, Overcast, Stitcher, TuneIn, iHeart Radio, Deezer, Pocket Cast, iTunes, and Radio Public.



Members-only Newsletters can be managed from your member profile and deliver the latest updates from AHIMA, breaking industry news, and health information directly to your inbox. Two must-haves:

E-Alert: Members are automatically subscribed to this regular dose of AHIMA original content, including a 360-degree view of the industry, AHIMA, and government developments, as well as ways to get more involved with AHIMA and the profession, plus professional development resources. The focus is on news you can use and apply immediately.

SmartBrief: Published every weekday, you'll get the day's industry news, policy updates, practice guidance, plus tips and analysis from subject matter experts. Sign up at smartbrief.com.

AHIMA Press is your one-stop shop for textbooks, hard cover books, and ebooks that empower students and professionals. Our comprehensive, up-to-date content delivers clear instruction, standards and guidelines, best practices, and insights. Members receive discounts on all AHIMA Press titles.

You can access AHIMA Press titles in the [AHIMA store](#) from the Digital Content tile or from the top navigation on MyAHIMA:

CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Career Assist Job Board

Visit our [health information job board](#) to post your resume, search job listings, apply for jobs, set up alerts for new jobs that meet your specific criteria, and get assistance from a career coach. Members can also view new job postings 48 hours before everyone else and will be listed at the top-level when employers search for candidates.



Brand Builder

[Brand Builder](#) provides members with complimentary tools that will help you develop your professional brand for the office, LinkedIn, or networking events, including:

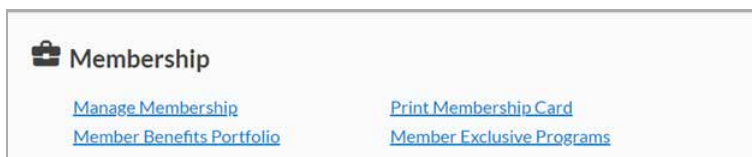
- ◇ A health information lexicon to craft your story
- ◇ Before and after examples of an impactful elevator speech
- ◇ Tips for boosting your online presence
- ◇ A downloadable template for more powerful presentations
- ◇ Ideas for networking and getting involved as a volunteer

You can access this comprehensive resource from the myAHIMA home page

MEMBERS SAVE!

Member Discounts

Receive discounts of up to 20 percent on AHIMA publications, annual conference, certification fees, online learning, and other resources to help you stay current on industry advancements and trends. Plus, access affinity programs that can save you money on insurance, travel, events, and more!



ADVOCATE

We see a world where the information that makes up every individual's health record can be trusted no matter when or where it is accessed throughout their lifetime. [AHIMA advocates](#) for key regulatory and legislative issues and demonstrates to policy makers the value of health information professionals in the healthcare ecosystem.

In addition, we keep you up to date with alerts from Washington, DC, on legislative developments affecting health information and give you quick and easy ways to contact your lawmakers through the AHIMA Take Action Center.

You can also play an active role in shaping AHIMA advocacy agenda and positions. As a member, you have an invitation to our annual Advocacy Summit. You can also serve on our Advocacy & Policy Council and policy work groups.



Thank You!

Thank you for being an AHIMA member. You are now connected to a community of passionate, forward-thinking health information professionals worldwide that handle the health data for more than one billion patient visits a year. The work you do has a positive impact on the lives of patients and their families, and we are here to support you.