Mini-HIMSS 2012 was a great success! With the impressive list of guest speakers that participated we broke all of our attendance records. Over 180 attendees joined us at the Lighthouse along with the largest representation from our vendor community ever. Our new location was exceptionally conducive for our event, spacious, comfortable and conveniently located. I think we may have found a new home for this annual event.

Our post event survey results are coming in slowly but the results are impressive. So far 100% of you would recommend this event to someone else and 94% gave the overall rating of the event as excellent or above average. Please be sure to complete your survey as we use this information to improve Mini-HIMSS each year. Final results of the survey will be posted on our website in the next few weeks.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Mini-HIMSS event. We could not do this with out you! Now, just wait until next year. :)

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**Western New York HIT Symposium: Thriving In Constant Change**

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Thriving in Constant Change is a timely healthcare information technology symposium geared toward regional leaders in the healthcare industry (clinical, administrative and IT). The purpose of this symposium is to provide an opportunity for regional healthcare leaders to learn about and discuss some of the latest information regarding the implementation of Health Care Reform and Electronic Medical Records, specifically ICD-10 conversion, Meaningful Use Stage 2 implementation and the approaching October 1, 2012 deadline. The symposium topics will be presented by: Chief Business Development Officer of Salumatics, Carlyn Mouton from Mississaugua, Ontario Canada, CIO of York Central Hospital, Diane Salois-Swallow from Toronto, Canada and Keynote Speaker Ken Ong, MD, MPH current CMIO of New York Hospital Queens, Queens, NY who will be speaking on Meaningful Use Stage 2.

Program includes:

- Surviving the ICD-10 Conversion
- Meaningful Use Stage 2
- Networking Opportunities
- Vendors
- Continental Breakfast & Lunch Buffet included

Registration Information:

- HIMSS Members & Affiliates: $75
- Student Members: $35
- General Public: $100

Click here to register!

For questions or more information contact: John Schrenker at (585) 594-6209 or schrenker_john@roberts.edu.
Accelerator Program Now Accepting Applications
New York eHealth Collaborative

Applications for the New York Digital Health Accelerator are being accepted through Friday, June 1. Selected companies will receive access to customers, senior-level engagement from the top 20 leading healthcare organizations in New York, and up to $300,000 of funding. Early- and growth-stage companies that are developing cutting-edge technology products in care coordination, patient engagement, analytics, and message alerts for healthcare providers, are encouraged to apply.

Apply today!

Program Features

- 12 tech companies accepted into the 9 month program will receive direct mentorship and feedback from senior-level executives at a broad network of leading provider organizations in New York State.

- The program will provide up to $300,000 of funding per company from a syndicate of leading venture capital and strategic investors.

- Selected companies will have priority access to the technology platform that is connecting electronic health records across New York State, the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY).

- A leadership program provides an opportunity to interact with a network of healthcare leaders, successful entrepreneurs, and investors.

Who Should Apply

- We are interested in early- and growth-stage companies where access to clinical and technical feedback from provider organizations could have a meaningful impact on the company’s development prospects.

- At a minimum, the company should have a beta version of its technology.

For a full overview of the program, including entry instructions and eligibility requirements, please visit [www.DigitalHealthAccelerator.com](http://www.DigitalHealthAccelerator.com).

Program Sponsors

Participating Providers
Adirondack Health Institute | Albany Medical Center | Catholic Health System | Community Healthcare Network | Continuum Health Partners | Ellis Medicine | FEGS Health and Human Services System | Finger Lakes Community Health | Hometown Health Centers | Hudson Valley Initiative | Institute for Family Health | Maimonides Medical Center | NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation | New York Hospital Queens | New York-Presbyterian Hospital | North Shore LIJ Health System | NYU Langone Medical Center | Stony Brook University Medical Center | Visiting Nurse Service of Schenectady and Saratoga Counties | Winthrop University Hospital
Save the Date: 11/09/2012 Student Nursing Informatics Event at New York Hospital Queens (NYHQ)

The New York State Chapter of HIMSS is sponsoring its first New York State Student Nursing Informatics Conference on November 09, 2012, at the New York Hospital Queens. Co-sponsors include the New York University, Molloy College, and New York Hospital Queens.

**Date:** November 9, 2012
**Time:** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
**Place:** New York Hospital Queens (NYHQ), Lang Auditorium, 56-45 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11355

**Confirmed speakers are:**

- Maricar Barrameda NP, MSN; Generations+ / Northern Manhattan Health Network
- Salvatore Volpe, MD, FAAP, FACP, CHCQM; HIMSS NYS, Advocacy
- Freida Pemberton, PhD, EDD, RN, BC; Molloy College, Division of Nursing
- Nadia Sultana, MBA, RN, BC; New York University, College of Nursing
- Helen Figge, PharmD, MBA, Lean Six Sigma Black Belt; HIMSS, Professional Development

The event will be focused on Career Development and Patient-Centered Nursing Informatics.

A student poster presentation competition will be sponsored and the best presentation will be awarded. To submit a presentation, contact Susanna Schmer, RN, (sschmer@kingsbrook.org).

We invite NYS Nursing programs and vendors who would be interested in co-sponsoring the first student nursing informatics conference in New York on November 9, 2012. For more information on becoming a sponsor, contact Anthony Ferrante (Anthony.Ferrante@CDILLC.com).

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Health IT Certificate Program @ Columbia

The federal government is promoting HIT and the deployment of electronic health records (EHRs) with monetary incentives for “meaningful use”. This goal will require 51,000 new HIT professionals over the next five years. The goal of the Columbia University Certificate Program is to provide health informatics training which will provide the practical knowledge and skills required to use and implement EHRs in healthcare organizations.

**THE PROGRAM**
Students will be provided a strong foundation in informatics concepts and develop the practical skills to assist commercial, clinical, and public health organizations comply with meaningful use criteria. The 6-month, competency-based certificate program offers a balance between providing a conceptual framework, background knowledge, and workforce skills.

**THE CURRICULUM**
Curriculum topics include: Project management, Organizational context for HIT, HIT implementation, User
interfaces, Health data exchange and security, Health information exchange, Knowledge representation, and Data storage. Optional lectures will address knowledge gaps in computer science or health care. The course culminates in detailed training in one of three workforce roles: Health Information Management and Exchange Specialist, Health Information Privacy and Security Specialist, or Programmer and Software Engineer.

**COURSE FORMAT**

The course includes both individual learning and team-based activities to develop collaboration skills, a necessity for this multidisciplinary field. The majority of the course materials and activities will be available online, consisting of lectures, quizzes and case presentations. Teams, selected to maximize professional diversity, work together on case presentations and develop a capstone project, all of which are centered on real-world problems. Seven in-person Saturday sessions will be held at the Columbia University Medical Center campus. In-person instruction includes facilitation of team cases and projects in addition to lectures and demonstrations by industry leaders from clinical, pharmaceutical, and EHR vendor organizations.

**PREREQUISITES**

Students applying for this program will be expected to have at least a bachelor’s degree with training or experience in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) field, health care, or public health.

Online applications are available at: [www.ColumbiaHIT.edu](http://www.ColumbiaHIT.edu)

**COURSE DIRECTOR:**

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DBMI is one of the oldest and largest biomedical informatics departments in the nation with 35 faculty members and 60 trainees. Its diverse faculty has a long history of leadership in health information technology areas.

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2. Create a user name and password. Your username will be the email address you entered in step 1.

3. Select membership type: student membership. You may also join one local chapter free with your student membership. Select the one that is right for you.
   a. If you like, you may join other chapters, for the additional fees listed.
   b. You may join mHIMSS, a group focused on mobile technology in health care, if you which.
   c. Select the communities of profession that are applicable to you, in this case Emerging Professionals Community.
   d. Proceed to the next step.

4. Enter demographic information. Student is found under the heading "others allied to the field". Do you best with the required fields, and proceed to the next step.

5. This is the shopping cart. At the bottom, please enter the Promo Code EPSTU, and select "apply discount". Then select "check out". Note, this ensures your registration in the EP Community; it does not confer a discount to the student membership rate.

6. Finally, enter you payment information and select "Place my order".

Congratulations! You have joined HIMSS Emerging Professionals Community! Visit our web pages to learn more about the services we offer to advance your career in health IT.