



## Education at URMIC – Student Perspectives

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**Undergraduate Degree:** B.S. in Medical Informatics, August 2011

**Graduate Degree:** Currently pursuing a Master of Science Degree with a concentration in Public Health

**Areas of Interest:** the conversion of food to cellular components, the provision of energy to drive bodily processes, the chemical nature of genes and the way in which these specify and control biological processes.

### Background Information

While a senior in high school, I took part in a co-op program with a local hospital where I rotated through several departments including medical illustration and patient care. I felt that my skills/interests were a better fit for medical informatics, which combined technical skills with the medical field.

### What interested you in the Medical Informatics Degree Program?

I am interested in lowering the cost of health care and making its delivery more accessible and efficient. I believe this can be accomplished by integrating technology into the healthcare system, thus I was naturally interested in Medical Informatics. I ultimately would like to become a doctor who is well versed in the technical side of things. This masters program is a stepping-stone to my dream career.

### **What do you hope to accomplish after you receive your degree?**

I hope to gain a grander understanding of the possibilities the integration of technology has on the healthcare industry worldwide, not just within the United States. I also hope this masters program will help me become a dynamic medical professional. I am looking forward to combining all of my years of education in order to build a capstone project that shows my true passion for medicine, technology, and their intersection.

### **What advice would you give prospective students?**

Any prospective students should study hard and apply to this program! It is a great combination of medical and information technology theory and application. I would encourage them to volunteer in a medical setting and catch themselves up on recent medical journals focusing on the adoption of Electronic Health Records. Lastly, I would suggest prospective students focus any co-op positions or additional work experience in a medical setting. IT in the medical field differs greatly from IT in any other field. Good luck!