PERSONAL STATEMENT EVALUATION
BHIS Health Informatics (HI) Program

1. **Path to our program**… The applicant clearly and concisely articulates the path which led to our HI program. The personal statement includes a brief and concise “career story” about pivotal factors, insights, and/or actionable measures that shaped the applicant’s decision to apply to our HI program. This is NOT a summary of his/her resume and/or life experience. This is NOT a recap of health reform and public policy.

2. **Understands health informatics**… Clearly and concisely documents the applicant’s informed understanding of the field of health informatics. In preparation for writing the personal statement, the candidate thoroughly investigates and researches the field. The personal statement reflects an understanding of the differences between HI and Health Information Management (HIM) and relates personal goals to the health informatics field. It is essential the applicant avoids the temptation to “parrot” the UIC program website, relevant association and/or government sites. Again, this is NOT an opportunity for the applicant to relate his/her understanding of health reform and public policy.

3. **HI fits into career plan**… The applicant’s personal statement encompasses a realistic plan to bridge or segue his/her current job and/or career into the HI field.

4. **Applies HI degree/certification**… The applicant clearly and concisely documents specifically how he/she plans to leverage or use the degree/certificate once completing the HI program.

5. **Writing style**… Personal statement is well-organized and easy to read because it tells a story about the applicant. It is free of spelling and grammatical errors; there are no words transposed or omitted because the applicant relied solely on word processing spell-check tools. The applicant has carefully proofread the personal statement to insure appropriate and correct punctuation; all sentences should be grammatically correct and complete.