

A Great Career with a Great Future

People with strong information technology skills continue to find themselves in the enviable position of being in the right place at the right time. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports employment for IT professionals is expected to grow much faster than average and predicts job prospects to be excellent.

They project overall employment of computer network, systems and database administrators to increase by 30 percent by 2018. Growth in some sectors, such as network architects and engineers, and Web administrators and developers, is projected to grow even faster – increasing by 53 percent.

The growth of e-commerce, the Internet and intranets, rapid adoption of mobile technologies, and an increased need for information security are driving demand for information technology professionals in all types of organizations.

Salaries are rising too, according to the *Robert Half Technology Salary Guide 2011*, an in-depth analysis of thousands of job placements.

According to the report, a focus on improving efficiency, managing assets and securing data has increased the demand and base compensation for IT professionals with enterprise resource planning (ERP) and security credentials, while the rise of social media and focus on customer-facing technologies have created additional demand for Web professionals and applications developers.

The survey also highlights the strong need for IT professionals in healthcare, especially to assist with the conversion from paper to electronic medical records.



A broad-based university education provides graduates with the diverse skills employers want and sets the stage for real career growth – unlike certification programs that provide students with a narrow set of technical skills, but little ability to grow into new responsibilities.

Studying Computer Information Management at LIFE

Studying information technology at Life University means studying how information is managed and used to meet the needs and advance the strategic direction of an organization.

Our students complete 60 credit hours in computer science and 50 in management – creating well-rounded graduates who not only understand IT applications, but can also interact intelligently with their peers in marketing and accounting, and become corporate leaders in their own rights.

Today's computer information management professionals must not only be able to create and oversee the technology infrastructure, but also understand how it will be used and how it interacts with other elements of the organization – the "digital nervous system," as Bill Gates calls it. They have to be able to identify project risks, evaluate customer and stakeholder needs, define strategic direction for key projects, and enable information systems to interact with other components of an organization.



Well-Rounded Professionals Sought

Information technology is no longer the geek brigade relegated to a basement office. It is a critical strategic element for contemporary organizations and a lifeline to customers and other stakeholders.

Although strong technical skills are a must for entry into the field, long-term success and the strongest career advancement goes to individuals who combine mastery of current technologies with management and strategic thinking capabilities. Employers want professionals who "get" their business or organization mission and can put technology to work to support it.

Employers want people with strong problem-solving, analytical and communications skills. The vast majority (92 percent) of all information technology workers are employed in non-IT companies, according to the Information Technology Association of America. IT professionals who can work well with interdisciplinary teams and communicate effectively with colleagues who don't have a computer background are in high demand.

Student Scholarships

Outstanding students applying to any major in LIFE's College of Undergraduate Studies are eligible to apply for institutional scholarships for their superior performance and promise. Georgia resident students earning a Georgia HOPE Scholarship and/or Tuition Equalization Grant for attending private schools can also apply those toward further reducing their tuition costs. Contact the Enrollment Office at (800) 543-3202 or Admissions@LIFE.edu to learn more.



Life University is a proud partner of the Yellow Ribbon Program for military veterans. For information about this program and to see if you qualify, please visit: Gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill

Small Classes, Personal Mentoring

Because we maintain small classes taught by highly seasoned faculty with significant professional experience (never graduate teaching assistants), your faculty will become your personal mentors. They tailor classroom and internship experiences into a seamless learning package to best prepare students for their intended career interests. You can even customize class projects, internships and course selections to best support your goals.

You'll learn in Smart Classrooms outfitted with Internet-enabled PCs, LCD screens, DVD players, digital imaging cameras and sophisticated audio and projection systems. You'll also enjoy wireless connectivity throughout campus and a dedicated server to host sophisticated projects developed only by computer information management students.

Dig Deeper – Talk to Alums and Students, Visit Campus

Prospective students tell us the most important thing they did while considering which school to attend was actually visiting the campus. To learn more about a successful career in computer information management, talk to our faculty or schedule a campus visit, check out our website at www.LIFE.edu or contact our Admissions Department at Admissions@LIFE.edu; 800-543-3202.

Call or email us, and we'll connect you with a working professional you can email, call or even visit. We are also happy to connect you with current computer information management students.

Who We Are

Life University educates more than 2,600 students in bachelor's degree programs in Biology, Biopsychology, Business Administration, Computer Information Management, Dietetics, Exercise Science, Health Coaching, General Studies, Nutrition and Psychology; our Master of Science programs in Sport Health Science and Clinical Nutrition; and our Doctor of Chiropractic program. All programs are uniquely focused on a positive, wellness-centered approach to health and human performance and students are actively engaged in a diverse and highly supportive academic community.



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Associate of Science in Computer Information Management

If you want to jump into the information management field quickly, the Associate of Science in Computer Information Management will prepare you for entry-level positions. This is an ideal approach for those who want to be immersed in this rapidly changing field while continuing to pursue the bachelor of science. The associate degree is also helpful if you already hold a degree in another field and want to transition into a more technically oriented position.

The program will prepare you to work with systems analysts, computer programmers and other computer-related professionals to plan and coordinate activities such as the installation and upgrading of hardware and software; programming and systems design; the development of computer networks; and the implementation of Internet and intranet sites.

You'll get the solid tech skills you need to land a first job, master new developments as they come online and learn how to function as an important resource within an organization. You'll also become part of a project team for some assignments, learning the critical skills of functioning effectively as part of a team-based IT initiative.

If you are already employed in the industry, combining working and study can also lead to advancement opportunities in your own organization as you complete the four-year program.



"I'm an outgoing, interactive person, so I would always come early, stay late and go by the offices of my teachers frequently, always pushing them above and beyond so that I got the most out of my education. They always had an open door and willingness to help."

