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FIU, CareCloud Partner to Provide E-Health Record Software Access to Master's Students

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Master's students at a Florida university are now able to get hands-on experience using electronic health record software due to a recent partnership between the school and a health-care software company.

Tom Packert, chief technology officer at electronic health record software company CareCloud in Miami, recently announced on the campus of Florida International University a partnership between his company and FIU that provides Master of Science in Health Informatics and Management Systems program students full access to all the features of CareCloud Charts.

CareCloud Charts is a cloud-based electronic health records platform that integrates with third-party medical systems. It has an interface that allows users to review a large amount of patient data, monitor outcomes, and complete federal reporting. In addition, the platform is compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which sets guidelines for privacy and security of patient information, and uses role-based log-in.

While on campus, Ian Bjorsvik, CareCloud electronic health record specialist, provided students with details about the CareCloud system, and Packert talked about health-care technology and cybersecurity. As part of the collaboration, each student will receive his or her own secure log-in credentials.

"The partnering between FIU and CareCloud is an example of how a major institution of education can work with local, innovative companies to prepare students for leadership positions once they graduate. By integrating health care management with training in the use of health information technology, FIU is working proactively to prepare a cohort of master's students for their role as agents of transformation in health-care delivery," said Professor Neera Bhansali, faculty director. "This program combines practical applications of health information theories and concepts for more effectively managing an organization's resources and improving the delivery of health care services."

Miami-based Florida International University is a four-year public research institution. It has more than 50,000 students enrolled in 180 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs. The Master of Science in Health Informatics and Management Systems program is intended for students who want to become information systems professionals, doctors, healthcare managers, nurses, and others involved in healthcare delivery and technology.

For more information, visit carecloud.com or business.fiu.edu.

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