

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Program Description

Health Information Technology may not be a title with which you are familiar, but people employed in this field are a vital component of every medical setting. You can find Health Information Technicians in every hospital, outpatient clinic, nursing home, health insurance organization, physician's office, hospice and mental health facility.

Health Information Technicians are the individuals who compile the data for medical-related agencies. More importantly, they determine specifically how that data is compiled and reported to insurance companies, government agencies and others for reimbursement, research, and quality monitoring.

Skills needed to work as a Health Information Specialist include: alertness, good vision, manual dexterity, keyboarding skills, ability to do filing, assembling, problem solving and analysis, ability to work at one station for extended periods of time, ability to work under pressure and observe deadlines, and the ability to communicate in writing and verbally.

Award Options

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Job Outlook

Employment of medical records and health information technicians is expected to increase by 20 percent, much faster than the average for all occupations through 2018. Employment growth will result from the increase in the number of medical tests, treatments, and procedures that will be performed. Technicians that demonstrate a strong understanding of technology and computer software will be in particularly high demand. The median annual wage of medical records and health information technicians was \$30,610 in May 2010. The middle 50 percent earned between \$24,290 and \$39,490. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$20,440, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$50,060.

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Program requirements subject to change. Please check with your advisor.

A.A.S. Degree

FIRST SEMESTER

BIO:168	Human Anatomy and Physiology I w/Lab	4
HIT:139	Math for Healthcare Professions	3
CSC:110	Introduction to Computers	3
ENG:105	Composition I	3
HIT:370	Health Records in Acute Care	3
HSC:113	Medical Terminology	2
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SECOND SEMESTER

BIO:173	Human Anatomy and Physiology II w/Lab	4
HIT:120	Pharmacology for HIT	1
HIT:150	Principles of Disease I	2
HIT:250	Coding I	3
HIT:380	Health Records in Alternative Care Settings	3
HIT:601	Medical Transcription (Optional)	(2)
PSY:111	Introduction to Psychology OR	
SOC:110	Introduction to Sociology	3
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SUMMER

HIT:160	Principles of Disease II	3
HIT:596	Health Information Technology Practicum	2
HIT:620	Advanced Medical Transcription (Optional)	(1)
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DIPLOMA TOTAL

39

THIRD SEMESTER

BUS:180	Business Ethics	3
HIT:251	Coding II	3
HIT:312	Health Informatics and Information Management Systems	3
HIT:420	Legal Aspects of Health Information	2
HIT:451	Allied Health Statistics	3
HIT:485	Medical Billing and Reimbursement Systems	3
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FOURTH SEMESTER

HIT:252	Coding III	3
HIT:440	Quality Management	3
HIT:597	Health Information Technology Practicum II	4
HIT:946	HIT Seminar	1
ART:101	Art Appreciation OR	
HUM:110	Changes and Choices OR	
PHI:101	Introduction to Philosophy OR	
PHI:110	Introduction to Logic	3
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A.A.S. TOTAL

70

The Health Information Technology Associate degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

Graduates of the two year program are eligible to write for the national certification exam (Registered Health Information Technician-RHIT) given by the American Health Information Management Association.