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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

Job prospects should be very good. Employment of medical records and health information technicians is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2012, due to rapid growth in the number of medical tests, treatments and procedures that will be increasingly scrutinized by third-party payers, regulators, courts and consumers.

Although employment growth in hospitals will not keep pace with growth in other healthcare industries, many new jobs will nevertheless be created. The fastest employment growth and a majority of the new jobs are expected in offices of physicians, due to increasing demand for detailed records, especially in large group practices. Rapid growth also is expected in nursing care facilities, home healthcare services and outpatient care centers. Additional job openings will result from the need to replace technicians who retire or leave the occupation permanently.

Earnings

There are many careers associated with the Health Information Technology area. Median annual earnings (as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics) for some of these careers include:

Medical Doctor Offices/Clinics	\$21,320
Hospital Admitting Clerk	\$24,535
Medical Records Transcriptionist	\$29,686
Clinical Documentation Specialist	\$32,250
Cancer Registrar	\$33,015
Medical Records Coding Technician	\$34,711
Diagnosis Related Group Coordinator	\$44,747



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Companies that have hired SCC

Health Information Technology graduates

Genesis Medical Center	Trinity Medical Center
Genesis HealthGroup Physician's Offices	Illini Hospital, Silvis, IL.
Good Samaritan Nursing Home	Davenport Community Health Center
Robert Young Center	Cardio Med. P.C.
University of Iowa	Advanced Radiology
DeWitt Community Hospital	Mercy Hospital, Clinton

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

FIRST SEMESTER		HOURS
CSC:110	Introduction to Computers	3
HSC:113	Medical Terminology	2
MAT:139	Math for Healthcare Professions	3
HIT:370	Health Records in Acute Care	3
BIO:168	Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab	4
ENG:105	Composition I	<u>3</u>
		18

SECOND SEMESTER		HOURS
HIT:380	Health Records in Alternate Care Settings	3
HIT:601	Medical Transcription (Optional)	(2)
HIT:120	Pharmacology for HIT	1
HIT:150	Principles of Disease I	2
HIT:250	Coding I	3
BIO:173	Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab	4
	General Education Requirement	<u>3</u>
	(Psychology/Sociology)	16

SUMMER SESSION		HOURS
HIT:160	Principles of Disease II	3
HIT:620	Advanced Medical Transcription (Optional)	(1)
HIT:596	Health Information Technology Practicum	<u>2</u>
		5

DIPLOMA AWARDED **39 CREDITS**

THIRD SEMESTER		HOURS
HIT:420	Legal Aspects of Health Information	2
HIT:485	Medical Billing and Reimbursement Systems	3
HIT:251	Coding II	3
HIT:451	Allied Health Statistics	3
BUS:180	Business Ethics	3
HIT:312	Health Informatics & Information Systems	<u>3</u>
		17

FOURTH SEMESTER		HOURS
HIT:440	Quality Management	3
HIT:252	Coding III	3
HIT:597	Health Information Technology Practicum II	4
HIT:946	Health Information Technology Seminar	1
	General Ed Req. (Humanities)	<u>3</u>
		14
A.A.S. DEGREE TOTAL		70

*BIO:114: General Biology or BIO:105 Intro to BIO

*CHM:110: Intro to Chem

Prerequisites to BIO:168

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