

Health Information Technology

Associate in Applied Science

Health Information professionals play a critical role in maintaining, collecting and analyzing the data that doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers rely on to deliver quality healthcare. They are experts in managing patient health information and medical records, administering computer information systems and coding the diagnosis and procedures for healthcare services provided to patients and for reimbursement and research. HIM professionals work in a multitude of settings throughout the healthcare industry including hospitals, physician offices and clinics, long-term care facilities, insurance companies, government agencies and home care providers.

Practice in the college health information laboratory as well as in health information departments of various healthcare facilities, provides opportunities of additional educational experience.

Students who graduate from the program are eligible to take the National Certification Examination to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). Graduates may continue health information management education toward a baccalaureate degree at four-year colleges.

FIRST YEAR

Credits

Fall Semester

BIO 131	Human Biology I	4
ENG 110	College Writing I	3
HIT 101	Intro. to Health Information Systems	4
HIT 106	Medical Terminology	3
CST 105	Computer Applications	3
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Spring Semester

BIO 132	Human Biology II	4
HIT 222W	Medical Legal Aspects.....	3
HIT 116	Health Care Statistics	3
— —	Social Science Electives	6
— —	(Civic Education Elective)	
MDA 210	Pharmacology	2
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SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

BIO 140	Pathophysiology	3
HIT 203W	Computers in Health Care	3
ENG 220	Communicating About Ideas and Values	3
HIT 204	Inpatient Coding System	4
HIT 236	Quality Improvement.....	3
HIT 144 ¹	Clinical Affiliation I	2
HIT 205	Coding Practicum.....	2
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Spring Semester

HIT 210	Management Principles for HIT.....	3
HIT 295	Health Information Seminar.....	2
HIT 245 ¹	Clinical Affiliation II	6
HIT 214	Ambulatory Care Coding	3
HIT 220	Survey of Healthcare Delivery	2
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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: 71 CREDITS

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¹ HIT 144 requires 60 clinical hours over 10 weeks; HIT 245 is conducted in a six-week block time frame. Students will be in a participating facility 5 days a week/6 hours a day.

Suggested Elective(s):

HIT 107 Medical Transcription, HIT 250 Medical Insurance Billing, HIT 260 Advanced Coding.

For important general information regarding Health Science curricula, see pages 11 and 23.