

Associate of Science in Health Information Technology

The Health Information Technology Program offers preparation for a technical area of service in hospitals, clinics, and related health facilities, and agencies. Graduates are prepared to serve as entry level health information technicians. The health information technician performs technical duties vital to the operation of a medical record department in any health care facility. Graduates of this program will be able to pursue a 4-year degree in Health Information Administration.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Following graduation, students may apply to write the registration examination administered by AHIMA. Individuals who pass the examination are entitled to use the designation RHIT (Registered Health Information Technician). The Health Information Management Programs Student Handbook supplements the information outlined herein the catalog and identifies additional program specific requirements.

All students earning an Associate of Science in Health Information Technology degree must complete the following courses:

General Education Core		25
BIOL 151	General Biology I.....	4
ENGL 101	Composition I	3
MATH 102	College Algebra	3
	General Education Oral Communication.....	3
	General Education Social Science	3
	General Education Arts & Humanities	3
CSC 105	Introduction to Computers	3
CIS 130	Visual Basic Programming	
or		
CSC 150	Computer Science I.....	3
Health Information Technology Courses		42
BIOL 323	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
CIS 325	Mgmt. Information Systems	3
HIM 130	Basic Medical Terminology	2
HIM 150	Introduction to the Health Information Mgmt.	3
HIM 160	ICD-9-CM Healthcare Coding System.....	3
HIM 170	Legal Aspects of Health Information Mgmt.	3
HIM 250	Alternative Site Health Information Mgmt.....	2
HIM 252	Basic Foundations of Health Data Systems	3
HIM 260	Fundamentals of Human Diseases	5
HIM 262	CPT/HCPCS Healthcare Coding Systems.....	3
HIM 264	Healthcare Reimbursement Methodologies.....	1
HIM 265	Management of Quality/Funct. of HIM	4
HIM 285	Supervised Professional Practice	2
HIM 286	Supervised Professional Practice	1
HIM 287	Supervised Professional Practice	3
Total Semester Hours		67 Credits

Curriculum Notes: Courses are sequenced so that each successive course builds on the information presented in the prerequisite. It is therefore mandatory that students observe course sequencing in preparation of their schedules.

Health Information Technology students are required to complete 2 credit hours, 2 weeks of HIM 285 Supervised Professional Practice in an appropriate acute care facility; 1 credit hour, 1 week of HIM 286 Supervised Professional Practice in non-traditional setting facility; and 3 credit hours, 3 weeks of HIM 287 Supervised Professional Practice, in an appropriate acute care facility. Each student spends time in various-sized institutions under the direction of a qualified Clinical Supervisor.

Health Information Technology - Sample Schedule

Fall Semester - First Year

HIM 130	Basic Medical Terminology	2
HIM 150	Introduction to Health Info. Mgmt.	3
CSC 105	Intro to Computers	3
ENGL 101	Composition I.....	3
BIOL 151	General Biology	4
Total: 15 Credits		

Summer (between first year and second year)

HIM 285	Supervised Professional Practice.....	2
Total: 2 Credits		

Fall Semester - Second Year

HIM 160	ICD-9-CM Healthcare Coding Systems	3
HIM 252	Basic Foundations of Health Data Systems	3
MATH 102	College Algebra	3
CIS 325	Management Information Systems	3
	SGE Goal 3 (Social Science)	3
Total: 15 Credits		

Summer (after second year)

HIM 286	Supervised Professional Practice.....	1
HIM 287	Supervised Professional Practice.....	3
Total: 4 Credits		

Spring Semester - First Year

HIM 170	Legal Aspects of Health Information Management.....	3
HIM 250	Alternative Site Health Info. Mgmt.	2
HIM 260	Fundamentals of Human Diseases.....	5
BIOL 323	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
CIS 130	BASIC Programming.....	3
or		
CSC 150	Computer Science I	
Total: 17 Credits		

Spring Semester - Second Year

HIM 262	CPT-HCPCS Healthcare Coding Systems	3
HIM 264	Healthcare Reimbursement Methodologies.....	1
HIM 265	Mgmt Qua/Related Functions of HIM.....	4
	SGE Goal 2 (Oral Com.).....	3
	SGE Goal 4 (Arts/Hum).....	3
Total: 14 Credits		