

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Health Information Technology Associate of Applied Science

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Health Information Technology program prepares individuals in technical coursework, human relations, communications, mathematics and computer technology. The program employs a career ladder approach that includes the following certificates:

- Medical Insurance
- Medical Office Specialist
- Medical Billing Specialist
- Coding Competency

At the end of six academic quarters (approximately two years), students earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Health Information Technology. Students are eligible to take the RHIT (Registered Health Information Technician) national credential examination upon completion of the AAS degree. The Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) accredits the Health Information Technology program. Health information technicians collect, analyze, code, manage and maintain medical information regarding patients. Health information technicians must be highly organized and pay attention to detail, maintain patient medical information in a complete, accurate and secure manner while maintaining high ethical standards. Health information technicians work in a wide range of health care facilities including but not limited to hospitals, clinics, doctors' offices and nursing homes. In Oregon, the number of jobs for health information technicians is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2020.

ACCREDITATION

Commission on Accreditation of Health Informatics and Information Management Education

PROGRAM COSTS

(beyond standard tuition/fees and textbooks)

Material Costs

- Required:
 - Total cost depends upon preparatory coursework and extent of completion within the program - certificate/degree. Additional costs estimated to be approximately \$2,500 include textbooks, technology fees, Directed Practice travel expense, OrHIMA Convention, criminal history check, etc.
- Recommended:
 - Students are strongly encouraged to have access to a home computer with high-speed internet access.

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Academic Entrance Requirements

- Required:
 - Prior to enrolling in HIT 103 Health Info Systems/Procedures, students must pass CIS 120 Computer Concepts, AH 111 Medical Terminology I and WR 121 Academic Composition with a grade of "C" or better.

Other Entrance Requirements

- Required:
 - Students entering the HIT program are required to have a criminal history check prior to enrolling in HIT 103 Health Info Systems/Procedures. A student may be prevented from entering the program if there is a felony conviction on their record.
 - Documentation of immunizations is required for directed practice (Tdap, MMR, Varicella, TB, Hep B and Flu).
 - Additional immunizations, background checks, and drug screens may be required by directed practice sites at the students expense.

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Academic Requirements

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.
- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Support Courses

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| AH 111 | Medical Terminology I | 3 |
| CIS 120 | Computer Concepts | 4 |
| WR 121 | Academic Composition | 4 |

Core Courses

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| HIT 103 | Health Info Systems/Procedures | 5 |
| HIT 104 | Health Data Content/Structure | 5 |
| HIT 131A | Document Management and Tech | 3 |
| HIT 180 | HIPAA Management | 2 |
| HIT 182 | Introduction to Medical Coding | 4 |
| HIT 184 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 5 |
| HIT 193 | Directed Practice I | 2 |
| HIT 201 | Legal Aspects of Health Care | 3 |
| HIT 203 | Healthcare Delivery/Tech | 3 |
| HIT 205 | Intro Medical Record Analysis | 3 |
| HIT 272 | Health Information Management | 5 |
| HIT 281 | Health Data Collection | 3 |
| HIT 282 | Quality Improve/Health Care | 4 |
| HIT 283 | Coding Classifications | 6 |
| HIT 284 | Classification & Reimb Systems | 5 |
| HIT 285 | Advanced Coding Classification | 4 |
| HIT 287 | Leadership & Project Mgmt | 2 |
| HIT 293 | Directed Practice II | 2 |
| HIT 296 | Ambulatory Data Systems | 3 |

Other Required Courses

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| AH 112 | Medical Terminology II | 3 |
| BI 231 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| BI 232 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| BI 233 | Human Anatomy and Physiology III | 4 |
| MTH 031 | Health Care Math | 3 |
| SP 111 | Fundamentals Public Speaking | 4 |
| Choose one course from the following: | | 3 |
| SP 218 | Interpersonal Communication | |
| BA 285 | Business Human Relations | |
| PSY 101 | Applied Psychology | |

Total Credits 105

ADVISING NOTES

HIT is a cohort program, which begins each Fall. Students can complete non-HIT courses prior to entry into the cohort or concurrently. Courses are in sequence for first and second year. Students must complete all first-year courses before enrolling in second-year coursework.

This degree is designed primarily for students planning to enter their chosen career upon graduation. However, credits are transferable per an articulation agreement with the University of Cincinnati for students choosing to pursue an online BS in Health Information Management.