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Important Dates

11/14	Orientation - No Classes
11/23-27	Thanksgiving Break - no classes
11/19	Midterm week
11/20	HIT Meet & Greet room 120
12/23-1/2	Christmas Break - Campus closed
1/3-1/8	Christmas Break - No classes
1/16	ML King Jr. - Campus closed
1/28	Last Withdrawal date
2/8	Book buyback begins
2/19	Winter Term Ends

Student Group Holiday Meet and Greet

There will be a meet and greet social for the HIT/MCS/MT student group on Tuesday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Center, Room 120. Come network with other students and discuss opportunities for career advancement. Refreshments will be provided. Students in the Health Information Technology, Medical Transcription, or Medical Coding Specialist programs are encouraged to attend.

Professional Organization Information

- **Medical Transcription:** As a student, you can join the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (AHDI) at a student rate. Many changes in technology over the next decade will impact medical transcription and practitioners. AHDI works to advance the transcription profession providing legislative advocacy and opportunities for professional development. For more information, please visit www.adhionline.org.
- **Medical Coding & Health Information Technology:** The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) also provides special rates for Health Information Technology program students. AHIMA is committed to advancing the HIM profession in an increasingly electronic and global environment through leadership in advocacy, education, certification, and lifelong learning. For more information, please visit www.ahima.org

A career provides greater depth and satisfaction than a job.

Consider professional networking for career growth opportunities.

Are you looking for a job... or a career?

What drives your decision?

Have you taken a moment to really reflect on why you made the decision to come to school? Are you simply looking for a means to better equip yourself to get a paycheck, or are you searching for something with greater depth? Are you looking for high pay or do you prefer to find happiness?

What is a job?

It is a place you go to “do time” for about 8 hours every day. It is something that you feel that you have to do. There is no deep sense of satisfaction. The only thing that matters with a job is that you make money.

What is a career?

It is something that not only provides you with a means to make a living, but it is also something that generates a sense of satisfaction. A career keeps you always wanting to learn more about what you currently do when you go to work along with exploring what else you could be doing. Somebody in a career may develop such a passion about what they do or about their field that they are excited to share with others. They love to talk with friends and family about what future possibilities they may find in what they do. Even more, they love to network with others in the career field, who also share their excitement and desire to learn. This network is where career growth happens.

Benefits of career networking

Career networking may provide a number of benefits for those desiring career growth. Through a professional network, you may meet other professionals, who have vacant positions that need to be filled. You may encounter somebody who knows of a colleague with a vacancy, for which you may be qualified. Aside from finding open positions, the more networking you do, the more name recognition you may achieve. This could eventually lead to somebody remembering you when a position may be opening in their department prior to advertising, or possibly for referral if they are contacted by a recruiter.

Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity (ADHI) Advocacy Agenda

Partnering with the Clinical Documentation Industry Association (CDIA) and the American Health Information Association (AHIMA), the ADHI has established that the following advocacy areas are considered to be mission-critical:

- Patient Health Story
- EHR Adoption
- Health Information Exchange
- Health Record Privacy and Security
- Workforce Development
- Value of the Healthcare Documentation Knowledge Worker

AHDI advocates for the patient health story by:

Promoting public awareness of the role and value of a comprehensive health story through campaigns that teach patients how to: (1) access and understand their health records, (2) draft meaningful personal health records, and (3) “own” their own health stories.

Seeking a federal requirement for EHR systems to interface with the dictation/transcription process in order to receive and integrate narrative reports into a patient’s health record.

AHDI advocates for standards-driven EHR adoption by:

Positioning the healthcare documentation sector as an authority in the accurate, secure capture of patient care encounters and the best source of leadership when it comes to the integration of healthcare documentation practices and standards in the evolving EHR.

Contributing to the development of standards and technical specifications around EHR systems development and interoperability.

AHDI advocates for meaningful health information exchange by:

Contributing to and actively promoting the development of standards for uniform data exchange, including transaction and security standards, that will facilitate meaningful interoperability.

Supporting HIE efforts of alliance partners, such as AHIMA.

AHDI advocates for health record privacy and security by:

Promoting best practices in regulatory compliance to all industry stakeholders, especially those with direct access to protected health information.

Developing health record privacy and security best practice guides, training, and preparatory materials to educate and prepare the healthcare documentation workforce for regulatory compliance.

AHDI advocates for workforce development by:

Lobbying for federal and state funding for workforce training programs.

Lobbying for scholarships, loans, and grants to fund education and training for qualified workforce candidates.

AHDI advocates for the value of the healthcare documentation knowledge worker by:

Positioning the role of our workforce in all public policy statements, advocacy documentation, and official comments submitted to policy and standards-setting organizations and federal committees related to EHRs, health IT, and information exchange.

Promoting the role of healthcare documentation specialists as quality data capture experts who can provide analysis of codified narrative, setup and integration of EHR systems, and quality assurance support in an EHR-driven documentation setting.