



Health Information Technology

Associate of Applied Science Degree

2011-2012

This program prepares the student for employment opportunities in any industry that utilizes patient data. Health Information Technology careers are found in a variety of settings including: healthcare facilities, consulting firms, government agencies, insurance companies, healthcare IS/IT vendors, pharmaceutical companies, and other traditional environments. Health Information Technology involves acquiring, analyzing, coding, and protecting electronic and traditional medical information vital to providing quality patient care.

The Health Information Technology AAS degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Graduates of a CAHIIM-accredited program are eligible to take the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) exam.

Program Objectives:

Upon completion of this program, the graduate will be able to:

1. define professionalism as applied to healthcare professionals.
2. communicate in a professional manner both orally and in writing.
3. use appropriate health information technology-related terminology.
4. identify and apply legal and ethical principles to health information technology, maintain compliance with standards and regulations regarding health information.
5. define and apply appropriate computerized and manual record management techniques for the maintenance of a quality health information system ensuring that health information is complete, accurate, and accessible to appropriate users.
6. collect and analyze information related to healthcare delivery.
7. code, classify, and index diagnoses and procedures using ICD-9-CM, ICD-10-CM/PCS, CPT, and HCPCS.
8. identify and apply management techniques appropriate to health information technology.
9. demonstrate math and basic quantitative skills applicable to health information technology.

Admission Requirements:

All candidates for admission must have a Wonderlic score of 21 or above. Each candidate for admission is considered individually on merit and potential.

Graduation Requirements:

Students must achieve a grade of "C" or better in all coursework.

Major:		Quarter Hours:
BIO 110	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 120	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
HI 100	Medical Terminology for Health Information	4
HI 130	Pathophysiology	4
HI 140	Principles of Health Information I	4
HI 161	Computers in Health Information	4
HI 205	Pharmacology for Health Information	4
HI 215	Classification and Indexing Systems I	4
HI 220	Health Information Law and Ethics	4
HI 230	Principles of Health Information II	4
HI 235	Classification and Indexing Systems II	4
HI 250	Management for Health Information	4
HI 260	Alternate Healthcare Settings	4
HI 275	Classification and Indexing Systems III	4
HI 290	Health Information Professional Practice Experience	4
Total Hours		60

General Education:		Quarter Hours:
BUS 201	Professional Development	4
CIS 114	Computer Usage and Software Applications	4
ENG 109	Principles of Speech	
	-or-	4
ENG 120	Interpersonal Communications	

ENG	111	Business Communications	4
ENG	116	Composition	4
HUM	110	Human Potential	4
MAT	110	Business Mathematics	4
PSY	140	Introduction to Psychology	4
		- or -	4
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology	4
		Total Hours	32
Open Electives:			Quarter Hours:
		Select one open elective	4
		Total Hours	4
Total Hours Required for Degree			96



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Award Year:	2009-2010
OPEID #:	004568
CIP Code:	51.0707
Credential Level:	02 Associate Degree

Occupations Related to this program

Job Title:	SOC Code:
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	29-2071.00

Estimated Program Costs

Tuition & fees:	\$33,815.00
Books & supplies:	\$2,850.00
Room & board:	not applicable
Other:	\$0.00

Percent of graduates who completed program on time*:	38%
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Job placement rate:	91%
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Median Loan Debt*

Title IV loan debt:	\$23,000.00
Private Educational loan debt:	\$0.00
Institutional Financed debt:	\$0.00

* Due to privacy reasons, median loan debt and on-time completion rate will not be reported for programs with fewer than 10 graduates during the award year.