

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, A.A.S.

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Overview

Health information management technicians are the pivotal link in administrative and clinical data for the healthcare team. Health information management includes collecting, analyzing, storing, protecting and ensuring health information. These professionals can perform diagnostic and procedure coding, utilizes electronic systems for reimbursement, report data for enterprise-wide planning and research activities, and maintain a legal patient record. They work to ensure what is put in a medical record is accurate, timely, and accessible when needed, by those allowed to have access to it.

Locations

Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Online, Pipestone, Worthington

Students receive a comprehensive education in health information data structure, content & information governance; information protection; informatics, analytics, and data use; revenue cycle management; health law & compliance; and organizational management & leadership. In the last semester, students complete a 40-hour supervised practicum incorporating their education and we work together to study for the certification exam.

Employment can be found in academic institutions, government agencies, healthcare software companies, law offices, insurance companies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, hospice, health information management consulting agencies and many other places.

Prior experience of the basic elements of word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and presentation software are recommended. This program pairs well with the Medical Coding Specialist Diploma or Healthcare Administrative Assistant, Diploma or AAS.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Fall - Year 1		
HC 1151	Body Structure & Function	3
HC 1180	Medical Terminology in Healthcare	2
HIMC 1140	Introduction to Health Information Management	3
HIMC 1150	Reimbursement & Insurance in Health Information	3
HC 1290	Health Care & Society	1
ENGL 1101	Composition I	3
Total Credits Fall - Year 1		15
Spring Year 1		
MEDA 2135	Pharmacology	3
HC 2120	Disease Conditions	3
HIMC 2100	Computerized Health Information	3
HIMC 2110	Leadership & Management in Health Information	3
MATH 1105	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	4
Total Credits Spring - Year 1		16
Fall - Year 2		
HIMC 1100	CPT/HCPCS Coding	3
HIMC 1110	Diagnosis Coding	3
HIMC 1120	Procedure Coding	3
HIMC 2120	Quality Management in Health Information	3
HIMC 2115	Computerized Health Information II	1
HIMC 2140	Statistics in Health Information	2
Credits Fall - Year 2		15
Spring - Year 2		

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
	General Education from 2 MnTC areas 5,6,7,8,9 or 10	5
CMST 1103	Interpersonal Communication	3
HIMC 1130	Advanced Coding	3
HIMC 2130	HIT Professional Practice Experience	2
GSCL 1105	Job Seeking Skills	1
	Credits Spring - Year 2	14
	TOTAL CREDITS	60