

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

The Health Information Technology program is an Associate of Applied Science. The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) which is located at 233 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601-5800, (312) 233-1131. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to the national registry exam for the certification as a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). The program is limited entry so students must attend a Health Sciences Orientation and meet with a program advisor. The HIT program combines academic courses on campus with professional practice experiences at clinical affiliate sites. Health information is used in every aspect of health care planning and delivery. A patient's health record contains vitally important information that must be analyzed, coded, stored, and protected. The health record serves as a means of communication among all members of the health care team, including physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, therapists and many others. The documentation comes from the hospital stay, emergency room visits, outpatient clinic visits, physician's office encounters, nursing home, or home care program. Such documentation assists in ensuring continuity of care and protects the financial and legal interests of the patient, health care facility, and responsible practitioner caring for the patient.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- Verify timeliness, completeness, accuracy, and appropriateness of data and data sources.
- Conduct qualitative analysis to ensure documentation in the health record supports the diagnosis, and reflects the progress, clinical findings and discharge status.
- Assist in the facility's billing processes and validate coding accuracy.
- Assign diagnosis and procedure codes using ICD and CPT/HCPCS.
- Abstract records for department indices/databases/registries.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (27 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
COMMUNICATIONS: BUS 108, COM 101, 102, 215, ENG 100, 101, 102, 107, 113, 114, 205, JOUR 102, THTR 105	3-5	_____
ENGLISH: ENG 100, 101, 107, 113	3-5	_____
HUMAN RELATIONS: ALS 101, ANTH 101, 112, 201, 205, HIST 105, 106, 107, 150, 151, 210, 247, 260, HMS 130, 135B, 265B, MGT 100B, 283, PHIL 135, PSC 201, PSY 101, 102, 207, 208, 261, SOC	3	_____
MATHEMATICS: MATH 100B or above (except MATH 122, 123)	3	_____
SCIENCE: HHP 123B, and 124B Plus 3 credits from the following: AST, BIOL, CHEM, EGG 131, 132, ENV, GEOG 103, 104, 117, GEOL, PHYS	8	_____
FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCES: PHIL 102	3	_____
U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS: PSC 101	4	_____

This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (46 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
COT 127B Microsoft Office for Offices	3	_____
HIT 105B Healthcare Delivery Systems	2	_____
HIT 106B Healthcare Reimbursement	2	_____
HIT 118B Language of Medicine	3	_____
HIT 119B Introduction to Pharmacology and Laboratory Tests	2	_____
HIT 130B Procedural Terminology	1	_____
HIT 165B Pathophysiology	4	_____
HIT 170B Healthcare Computer Applications	3	_____
HIT 180B Introduction to Health Information Management	2	_____
HIT 184B Introduction to ICD Coding	2	_____
HIT 185B Introduction to CPT Coding	3	_____
HIT 186B Advanced Outpatient Coding	2	_____
HIT 187B Introduction to ICD-PCS Coding	2	_____
HIT 201B Advanced Coding Systems	3	_____
HIT 205B Privacy, Legal, and Ethical Issues in Healthcare	2	_____
HIT 206B Professional Practice Experience I	3	_____
HIT 207B Health Information Management	2	_____
HIT 240B Healthcare Statistics and Research	1	_____
HIT 245B Healthcare Quality Management	2	_____
Plus 2 credits from the following:		
HIT 208B Professional Practice Experience II	2	_____
HIT 299B Selected Topics in Health Information Technology	2	_____

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Total Credits

Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.