Associate Degree Program

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

QUICK FACTS

69
CREDIT HOURS
minimum credit hours
required for graduation

13%
GROWTH NATIONALLY FROM 2016-2026
FOR EMPLOYMENT OF MEDICAL RECORDS AND HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNICIANS[1]

1 + 4
YEAR   MONTHS
minimum length
to graduation[3]

[1]https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-records-and-health-information-technicians.htm. Data reflects a national projected percentage change in employment from 2016-2026 and may not reflect local economic conditions. [3]Not including breaks. Assumes year-round, full-time enrollment. Additional program information may be found at https://www.devry.edu/degree-programs.html

ABOUT THIS DEGREE PROGRAM

As the healthcare system strives to provide more efficient and effective care, electronic recording and access to patient information has become a major industry goal.

Our curriculum is based on current associate degree entry-level competencies outlined by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). You can learn how to capture digital health information using current coding and chart management software, in addition to having the opportunity to get hands-on, real world experience during two practicums.

Through our TechPath approach, we've put technology at the core of our programs in business, tech and health – including this program. Every TechPath class you take revolves around a unique learning rubric developed at DeVry. We call it People-Process-Data-Devices or P2D2. You'll gain real skills in collaboration, be able to adapt to new structures, and be comfortable working with data and a wide spectrum of tech-forward tools. P2D2 is a key component of what makes TechPath a smart, new way of getting the knowledge you need to be ready to hit the ground running in the way successful companies work today.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

Communication Skills
ENGL112   Composition

Humanities
ETHC232   Ethical and Legal Issues in the Professions

Social Sciences
SOCS185   Culture and Society

Mathematics and Natural Sciences
BIOS105   Fundamentals of Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab
BIOS260   Fundamentals of Pathophysiology
BIOS275   Pharmacology and Medical Treatment
MATH103   Beginning Algebra

Personal and Professional Development
CARD205   Career Development
COLL148   Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving

Computer Applications
BIS155   Data Analysis with Spreadsheets with Lab
COMP100   Computer Applications for Business with Lab

CORE-DEGREE COURSEWORK

Health Information Technology
HIT111   Basic Medical Terminology
HIT120   Introduction to Health Services and Information Systems
HIT141   Health Information Processes with Lab
HIT170   Health Information Fundamentals Practicum
HIT203   International Classification of Diseases Coding I with Lab
HIT205   International Classification of Diseases Coding II with Lab
HIT211   Current Procedural Terminology Coding with Lab
HIT220   Legal and Regulatory Issues in Health Information
HIT226   Data Applications and Healthcare Quality with Lab
HIT230   Health Insurance and Reimbursement
HIT272   Health Information Practicum Capstone
HIT272L[1] RHIT Certification Preparation

[1] For all students, this practicum course requires a substantial number of hours of professional practice time in an approved external healthcare setting. Practice time is generally completed during traditional business hours.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Health Information Technology associate online degree program at DeVry University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM), www.cahiim.org. The most recent information on the status of programs accredited by CAHIIM is available at www.devry.edu.

Graduating from a CAHIIM-accredited program offers employers assurance that you have the expected professional knowledge and skills and have experienced a curriculum that is relevant to today's electronic health record environment. Completion of a CAHIIM-accredited program is an eligibility requirement for graduates to take the AHIMA Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT®) Exam.

Courses in blue are part of the DeVry Tech Path

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Associate Degree Program
Health Information Technology

CAREERS IN
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In addition to making sure that medical records are complete and accurate, health information technicians must ensure that all records are maintained in accordance with the law. Technical knowledge of health and systems must be combined with data entry and retrieval, admission and discharge functions, and the ability to process and prepare necessary insurance and audit forms.

With an associate degree in Health Information Technology from DeVry University, you can have not only the procedural and regulatory knowledge, but also a strong technical background. By acquiring this knowledge, you can be prepared to modify and recommend medical records technology solutions in your area of employment.

Graduates of DeVry University's associate in Health Information Technology degree program may consider careers including, but not limited to, the following:

- Medical Coder/Biller
- Medical Coding Specialist
- Medical Records and Health Information Technician
- Medical Records Analyst
- Medical Records Supervisor[1]

[1]Employment in this occupation may require years of relevant experience.

KNOWLEDGE
AND SKILLS

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY — Learn medical terminology, including the foundations of words used to describe the human body and its conditions, terminology for medical procedures, the names of commonly prescribed medications and common abbreviations.

HEALTH SERVICES AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS — Explore the history and organization of, and current issues in, the U.S. healthcare delivery system, including interrelationships among system components and care providers.

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES CODING — Study the principles and guidelines for using the International Classification of Diseases system to code diagnoses and procedures in an inpatient setting.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY ISSUES IN HEALTH INFORMATION — Examine legal and regulatory issues in healthcare, with an emphasis on their application to healthcare information services and the documentation of care.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT — Explore reimbursement and payment methodologies applicable to healthcare provided in various U.S. settings as it relates to relevant forms, processes, practices and the roles of health information professionals.

PROCESS INFORMATION — Compile codes, categories, calculations, tabulations and audits, or verify information or data.

DOCUMENT/RECORD INFORMATION — Enter, transcribe, store or maintain information in written or electronic form.

EVALUATE INFORMATION — Use relevant information and individual judgment to determine whether events or processes comply with laws, regulations or standards.

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