Welcome

A degree in Health Information Technology helps fill a significant need for professionals who can help acquire, manage, and use health information to improve healthcare. “The profession is kind of a bridge between clinicians and IT geeks,” states Claire Dixon-Lee, executive director of the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

If you want to work in healthcare and make a significant impact on the quality of care for patients, but shy away from direct patient contact, Health Information Technology may be for you.

Health Information degrees offer a number of career opportunities in the many areas that use health information. There are dozens of different healthcare settings that use the RHIT’s (Registered Health Information Technician) expertise.

Go to ivytech.edu/health-information-tech to find recommended course curriculum and course descriptions.
Health Information Technology Degree

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS) DEGREE
Two-year Associate of Science programs typically contain 40 percent or more general education, with the balance in technical and profession courses. The coursework provides students with a foundation for transfer to a related baccalaureate program at a four-year institution, and equips students with skills for the job market.

Overview
The Health Information Technology (HIT) Associate of Science degree program will prepare students to work in the field of health information and medical record management.

The HIT program prepares individuals to plan, design and manage health record systems.

HIT professionals assist in collecting, analyzing, storing, securing, retrieving and transmitting health information.

Health information is used to manage patient care, health resources, health care costs, education, research, regulations and policymaking.

Coursework
The Health Information Technology Program includes instructions in:

- Health Information Systems in a variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals, outpatient surgery centers, long term care, physician practices, rehabilitation facilities, etc.
- Health information technologies including the electronic health record, hybrid records and paper-based records.
- Biomedical sciences, including disease process and pharmacology.
- Clinical classification systems, including advanced ICD-10-CM/PCS coding and HCPCS coding for a variety of healthcare settings.
- Reimbursement systems for healthcare, including hospital reimbursement, physician office, long term care, home health, ambulatory surgery, etc.
- Health information and the law.
- Regulatory compliance.
- Ethical and professional standards.

In addition, students will participate in clinical or professional practice externships, service learning projects and attendance at professional state association meetings. All this and more enhances the students experience to prepare them to take the RHIT (Registered Health Information Technology) exam. This exam may be taken at the end of the program or shortly after graduation.

To find out more see www.hicareers.com.

Accreditation
The Health Information Technology (HIT) program is accredited through (CAHIIM) the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education since August 2008.

Careers in Health Information Technology

- Coding Professional
- Compliance officer
- Data Analyst
- Disease Registrar (Cancer, Trauma, Diabetes, Immunization, etc.)
- DRG Coordinator
- Health information department supervisor or team leader role
- Health Information Technician
- Physician Practice Manager
- Sales Representative for Electronic Health Record Companies

For more information about Health Information Technology, visit the AHIMA (American Health Information Management Association) Web site at: www.hicareers.com