



Associate of Applied Science Health Information Technology

Health Information Technology Program

The challenge of tomorrow's healthcare calls for smart, talented, highly skilled personnel who work at the intersection of healthcare, business, and information technology. The Health Information Technology Associate of Applied Science degree at Crowder College prepares graduates with the technical skills necessary to become a Health Information Technician. Students will become proficient in organizing and analyzing patient's health information for completeness and accuracy, coding of diagnoses and procedures, applying policies and regulations in the release and management of protected health information, applying regulatory and accreditation standards to identify and support documentation compliance, identifying areas of quality assurance/performance improvement that relate to risk management, utilization review, and documentation compliance as well as supervision of personnel. Crowder College Health Information Technology degree is accredited by the Commission on accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management education (CAHIIM).

Program Outcomes

- Manage patient health information using appropriate software
- Become proficient in coding diagnoses and procedures using current coding classification systems such as ICD and CPT
- Perform qualitative and quantitative analysis of health care data
- Demonstrate an understanding of the medico-legal aspects of patient health information
- Manage healthcare data statistics and prepare presentation reports
- Demonstrate an understanding of the operation and uses of an electronic health record
- Demonstrate an understanding of healthcare quality management and process improvement
- Understand human resource and management guidelines for healthcare
- Demonstrate knowledge of healthcare compliance and risk management

Potential Careers

- Coding and Reimbursement Specialist
- Clinical Data Specialist
- Patient Information Coordinator
- Data Quality Manager
- Health Information Manager
- Privacy and/or Security Officer
- Physician's Office Manager
- Electronic Document Manager
- Compliance Officer

Salary

For salary/wage information, visit missourieconomy.org or bls.gov

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Health Information Technology

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF STUDY

HIT professionals are highly trained in the latest information management technology applications and understand the workflow in any healthcare provider organization from large hospital systems to the private physician practice. They are vital to the daily operations management of health information and electronic health records. Start your HIT career by enrolling in the Health Information Technology A.A.S. Degree today!



FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester

		Hours
COLL 101	College Orientation	1
HIT 180	Survey of Anatomy & Physiology (Fall only)	5
ENGL 101	English Composition I*	3
HIT 110	Intro to Health Info. Technology	3
OA 215	Medical Terminology	3
	Total	15

Spring Semester

HIT 210	Patho w/Pharm for HIT* (Spring only)	3
HIT 220	ICD Coding* (Spring only)	3
HIT 230	CPT Coding* (Spring only)	3
MATH 107	Intro to Mathematics (or higher)	3
BSAD 125	Computer Applications	3
	Total	15

Summer Semester

HIT 240	Applied Coding* (Summer only)	3
PLSC 103	Nat'l. State, Local Gov't (or HIST 106)	3
	Total	6

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

	Hours	
HIT 115	Health Info Mgt Systems* (Fall only)	3
HIT 250	Quality Mgt for Healthcare* (Fall only)	3
HIT 280	Healthcare Statistics* (Fall only)	3
ENGL 102	English Composition II*	3
SPCH 101	Fundamentals of Speech*	3
	Total	15

Spring Semester

HIT 200	Alternative Healthcare Delivery* (Spring only)	3
HIT 260	Healthcare Law/Ethics* (Spring only)	3
PSYC 101	Gen Psychology (or SOC 101)	3
HIT 270	Management for Healthcare (Spring only)	3
HIT 290	Clinical Application Experience*	3
	TOTAL	15
	TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED	66

*Prerequisite required

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Getting Started

- **Complete an Application for Admission**—\$25 application fee must accompany your application. Applications may be completed online by clicking the Apply Now! link. [Request and complete the HIT Program application and pay fee.](#)
- **Take a Placement Exam**—(COMPASS or ACT) COMPASS is a computerized placement exam that will help your academic advisor place you in the correct English, Reading and Math classes. Call 417-455-5602 or any off-campus site to schedule a testing time. For more information concerning COMPASS, please visit our website.
- **Review the Schedule of Classes**—This will give you a chance to become familiar with the types of classes Crowder College has to offer. Check out the Course Schedules under the Academics tab on the "My Crowder" link.
- **Enroll During Open Enrollment**—Check the website or Announcements for current dates.
- **Provide Your Academic History** -Have your high school transcript or GED scores, plus any previous college transcripts, sent to our Records Office.
- **Make Payment Arrangements**—Payment arrangements must be made by the first day of regular enrollment: cash, payment plan, scholarship, financial aid. Apply for financial aid online at www.fafsa.gov, Crowder College School Code: 002459. All A+ Program and CAMP students must complete the FAFSA.
- **Financial Aid** Various forms of financial aid are available to qualified students, including scholarships, loans and grants. Scholarship information and applications are available on the Crowder College website: www.crowder.edu. Students may complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid online at: www.fafsa.gov