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### **Crowder HIT Program Earns National Accreditation**

**Neosho, MO** – Crowder College (CC) is pleased to announce that its online Associated of Applied Science degree in Health Information Technology (HIT) has earned national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). CC launched the online HIT program in 2011 and shortly thereafter began their accreditation process with CAHIIM.

“We are thrilled to receive this accreditation for our Health Information Technology program and are very excited about the opportunities for our graduates in one of the country’s fastest growing and most in demand fields,” says HIT Program Director, Susan Foster. "Our CAHIIM accreditation demonstrates our commitment to offering only the highest-quality educational experience for our admitted students. Students can be certain that their CC degree represents the opportunity to be a true leader in the evolving and growing health information management profession.”

The online program is designed to appeal to working professionals and students needing the flexibility of the online environment. It offers a unique combination of academics, practical education and technology skills that enables the effective utilization of information technologies to support the delivery of exceptional patient care.

CAHIIM accreditation marks a major milestone for both Crowder College and its students, allowing degree seekers to hold a distinct confidence in the associate degree they possess. In addition, this program acts as a stepping stone to obtaining a bachelor of science degree in Health Information Administration (HIA). Graduates are prepared for careers in a variety of healthcare settings including hospitals, clinics, specialty practices, managed care organizations, long-term facilities, health insurance and health systems.

CAHIIM accredits associate, bachelor, and master degree programs in health informatics and information management in the United States. To receive accreditation, academic programs undergo a rigorous process of voluntary peer review and must meet the minimum accreditation standards set by the organization. Completing our CAHIIM-accredited program allows Crowder HIT graduates to sit for a national certification examination to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). The RHIT credentials gives them a distinct competitive advantage in today’s job market, allowing them to increase their employment and career opportunities as a result of holding a degree from a nationally accredited institution.

For information about the program, contact Susan Foster, MBA, RHIA, CHPS, CPC-H, CPCO, and an American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer at [susanfoster@crowder.edu](mailto:susanfoster@crowder.edu).

Find out more information about apply and enrolling at Crowder College by visiting our web site, [www.crowder.edu](http://www.crowder.edu).

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Please contact Susan Foster, listed above, or my office if you have additional questions.



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