

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS)

Overview

The Health Information Technology (HIT) Program prepares students for a career that places them right where the expanding arena of healthcare meets the cutting edge of technology. HIT professionals are the experts on patient data that consumers need to manage their own health and which healthcare providers rely on to perform their jobs. By collecting, maintaining, and analyzing health information, their work makes an important contribution to the delivery of quality care.

Graduates of this program will be granted an Associate of Science Degree in Health Information Technology. The HIT program is accredited by the Commission for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). A graduate may take the national certifying exam offered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).

Requirements

Associate Degree Graduation Requirements

Complete all of the following:

- All Department Requirements listed below with a "C" or better or "P" in each course (at least 20% of the department requirements must be completed through SBCC).
- One of the following three General Education options:
 - OPTION 1: A minimum of 18 units of SBCC General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/degrees-certificates-awards/#associatedegreeestext>) (Areas A-D) and Institutional Requirements (Area E) and Information Competency Requirement (Area F) OR
 - OPTION 2: IGETC (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#igetctext>) Pattern OR
 - OPTION 3: CSU GE Breadth (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#csugebtext>) Pattern
- A total of 60 degree-applicable units (SBCC courses numbered 100 and higher).
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all units attempted at SBCC.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all college units attempted.
- A minimum of 12 units through SBCC.

Code	Title	Units
Department Requirements		
Recommended sequence of courses, offered online:		
COMP 101 or CIS 101	Introduction to Computer Applications Introduction to Computers and Information Systems	4
HIT 135	Basic Medical Terminology	3
BMS 146	Human Form and Function	3
HIT 101	Introduction to Health Information Management	3
HIT 102	Legal Aspects Of Health Care	3

HIT 204	Basic Pathophysiology	3
HIT 201	Pharmacology For Allied Health	2
HIT 202	International Classification of Diseases, Diagnostic Coding	2
HIT 203	International Classification of Diseases, Procedural Coding	3
HIT 210	CPT Procedural Coding	3
HIT 255	Medical Insurance and Reimbursement Methodologies ¹	4
HIT 220	HIM Statistics	2
HIT 240	HC Quality Management	3
HIT 265	HIM Computer Applications	3
MATH 117	Elementary Statistics	4
MGMT 101	Introduction To Management	3
HIT 275	HIT Practicum	4.5
Total Units		52.50

¹ This requirement may be met by HIT 150 plus HIT 250.

² It is recommended that all HIT classes be completed before HIT 275 is begun. A background check and drug screen may be required by the host facility at the student's expense.

Learning Outcomes

- Apply biomedical knowledge to the process of clinical code assignment.
- Analyze and communicate clinical and statistical data to improve patient care and facilitate financial planning.
- Apply and demonstrate legal, ethical, accreditation and certification standards to health information.
- Participate in planning and implementing clinical and administrative information systems in traditional and alternative healthcare settings.
- Apply departmental and organizational standards to data storage, retrieval, retention and security.
- Demonstrate the ability to work effectively as an individual and collaboratively in a group to resolve health information management challenges in a changing healthcare environment.

Recommended Sequence

Make an appointment with your SBCC academic counselor through Starfish to create a Student Education Plan that reflects a recommended course sequence for this program that is tailored to your individual needs.

How to schedule an Academic Counseling appointment (<https://www.sbccc.edu/counselingcenter/counselingappointments.php>).