HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CANCER INFORMATION

Program Description
Opportunities in the health information field have expanded with changes in health care delivery, utilization and reimbursement and with developments in information technology. The Health Information Technology and Cancer Information Management Department offers four exciting options to prepare for a health information career:

1. the Associate in Science in Health Information Technology;
2. the Associate in Science in Cancer Information Management;
3. the Certificate of Achievement in Cancer Information Management;
4. the Certificate of Achievement in Medical Coding Specialist and
5. the Certificate of Achievement in Healthcare Data Analytics.

These programs are all offered completely online. Students must have access to the Internet to enroll in these programs and must complete online orientation activities as the first assignment of each course. Students must meet online technical requirements. Core elements of each online lecture course include successful completion of the course objectives using the Internet, textbooks, study materials and computer applications. Proctored examinations are online. Professional directed practice, under the guidance of a clinical preceptor, is provided at facilities as close as possible to each student’s residence.

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

Graduates of the program are granted the Associate in Science Degree in Health Information Technology. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Graduates are eligible to take the national credentialing exam to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). CAHIIM is located at 233 N. Michigan Avenue, 21st Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-5800 or www.cahiim.org (http://www.cahiim.org) or e-mail info@cahiim.org.

Cancer Information Management
The Cancer Information Management (CIM) Program prepares students for positions with hospital-based and population-based cancer registries. Responsibilities typically include identification of reportable cancer cases; abstraction of pertinent cancer data from patient records and pathology, radiology and surgical reports; coding and staging primary site, histology and extent of disease; monitoring completeness, timeliness and quality of cancer data; performing cancer patient follow-up activities to identify second primaries, recurrence and spread of disease; reporting cancer data to health care officials, hospital administrators, physicians and regulatory organizations for use in cancer prevention and control; assisting the medical staff and epidemiologists in special studies and research; and supervising staff.

Graduates of this program who earn the Associate in Science Degree in Cancer Information Management are eligible to take the national credentialing exam to become a Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR). Graduates who earn the Certificate of Achievement in Cancer Information Management and who have an Associate Degree or higher in any field are also eligible to the CTR exam. The program is accredited by the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA). NCRA is located at 1330 Braddock Place, Suite 520, Alexandria, VA 22314; www.ncra-usa.org (http://www.ncra-usa.org).

Medical Coding Specialist
This completely online certificate program prepares students for a position as a medical coder in an acute care hospital, clinic or physician’s office, long-term care facility, and other health care settings. Coders ensure that valid codes are applied to medical diagnoses and procedures per coding classification guidelines and to facilitate reimbursement, analyze patient outcomes, and medical research.

The Medical Coding Specialist Certificate of Achievement prepares students to take the national certification examination to become a Certified Coding Associate (CCA) offered by AHIMA. This program is approved by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). AHIMA is located at 233 N. Michigan Avenue, 21st Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-5809 or at (312) 233-1100; www.ahima.org (http://www.ahima.org).

Planning a Program of Study
Continually updated program information is available at www.sbcc.edu/HIT/website (http://www.sbcc.edu/HIT/website).

Program Cost and Outcome
For planning purposes, the website below provides information on the cost of attendance, program length (assuming a student attends full-time), financing options and historical student completion rates: http://www.sbcc.edu/financialaid/gainfulemployment

Programs of Study
- Health Information Technology, Associate of Science (AS) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/health-information-technology-cancer-information/health-information-technology-as)
- Cancer Information Management, Certificate of Achievement (C) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/health-information-technology-cancer-information/cancer-information-management-certificate-achievement)
- Healthcare Data Analytics, Certificate of Achievement (C) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/health-information-technology-cancer-information/healthcare-data-analytics-certificate-achievement)
- Medical Coding Specialist, Certificate of Achievement (C) (https://catalog.sbcc.edu/academic-departments/health-information-technology-cancer-information/medical-coding-specialist-certificate-achievement)
Credit Courses

Health Information Technology (HIT)

HIT 101 Introduction To Health Information Management (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to the fundamental theories/practices of HIT, including health services organization and delivery; health data/record structure, content/standards; HIT functions/responsibilities; information systems, technologies/requirements; health information privacy/security.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 102 Legal Aspects Of Health Care (3 Units)
Prerequisites: HIT 101 (prior to or concurrent).
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to legal issues pertaining to healthcare, health information and the health record as a legal document. Patient privacy and confidentiality, patient rights, release of information, informed consents, advance directives, compliance, fraud and abuse, HIPAA and E-Health.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 135 Basic Medical Terminology (3 Units)
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to medical terminology for body structure, body systems and diagnostic work. Prefixes, suffixes, word roots and combined word forms. Includes instruction in spelling, definition, and pronunciation.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 201 Pharmacology For Allied Health (2 Units)
Prerequisites: BMS 146.
Course Advisories: HIT 135.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H.
Hours: 36 (36 lecture)
Introduction to pharmacology, basic pharmacological terminology and concepts, drug categories and their uses, mechanisms of drug action, dosage forms, routes of administration, and common generic and trade name medications.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 202 International Classification of Diseases, Diagnostic Coding (2 Units)
Prerequisites: HIT 135 and BMS 146 and HIT 101 and HIT 204 (HIT 204 may be taken concurrently).
Course Advisories: HIT 201.
Skills Advisories: ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 36 (36 lecture)
Beginning overview of nomenclature and classification systems, with focus on coding inpatient clinical information from medical records. Instruction in coding diagnoses, using International Classification of Diseases, sequencing and coding conventions. Coding software applications introduced.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 203 International Classification of Diseases, Procedural Coding (3 Units)
Prerequisites: HIT 135 and BMS 146 and HIT 101 and HIT 204.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Overview, structure and organization of International Classification of Diseases, Procedure Classification System (ICD-10-PCS). Instruction in coding procedures per national coding guidelines. Coding software applications (Encoder) will be used, and coding instruction will entail coding from cases and health records.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 204 Basic Pathophysiology (3 Units)
Prerequisites: BMS 146.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to the fundamentals of pathophysiology, focusing on essential concepts of physiologic changes and altered functions in the human body resulting from disease processes. Principles from A&P and chemistry provide the foundation for the study of pathophysiology, body systems, etiology and pathogenesis. Diagnostic procedures, preventative measures and current therapeutic regimens are explored.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 205 Advanced Coding Applications (4 Units)
Prerequisites: HIT 202 and HIT 203 and HIT 210.
Course Advisories: HIT 255.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture)
Advanced medical coding for addressing more complex issues relating to ICD and HCPCS/CPT coding. Lectures and assignments focus on using case studies mock records and applying learning at a higher coding skill level. Computerized encoders and groupers emphasized.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 210 CPT Procedural Coding (3 Units)
Prerequisites: HIT 101 and HIT 135 and BMS 146.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Beginning HCPCS/CPT coding class for ambulatory services coding related to facility and professional services, with overview of coding conventions, principles, regulatory guidance and coding software.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 220 HIM Statistics (2 Units)
Prerequisites: HIT 101 (may be taken concurrently) and COMP 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H and proficiency in MATH 4 or MATH 41.
Hours: 36 (36 lecture)
Introduction to healthcare statistics, including a review of mathematics, interpretation of healthcare statistical formulas, presentation of data and application of medical research tools. Use of statistics in relation to long-range healthcare planning and development, application of automated systems, integration of reports and registration of vital statistics.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable
CIM 100 Cancer Registry Management I (3 Units)
Prerequisites: HIT 101 and COMP 101.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lab).
Introduction to hospital-based and central cancer registries; legal issues; confidentiality; standard-setting organizations; types of cancer registries and other disease registries; data users, computer applications; quality control; and registry operations, including case ascertainment and registry files.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 203 Medical Coding Practicum (1 Unit)
Prerequisites: HIT 210 and HIT 255 and HIT 202 and HIT 203.
Corequisites: Concurrent enrollment in HIT 205.
Limitation on Enrollment: Health and safety regulations.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lab).
Practicum in application of clinical classification systems, coding, case mix analysis, and use of coded and abstracted data. Discussion focuses on directed practice activities. Supervised clinical experience focuses on coding patient care records. Students in supervised clinical practice have the status of learners. Clinical practice is conducted as a non-paid, laboratory experience.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

HIT 284 Coding Exam Preparation (3 Units)
Hours: 54 (54 lecture).
In-depth review of HIM principles and applications to prepare HIT program graduates for the AHIMA national RHIT examination. Focus is on reviewing materials covered in the MCS Program, and on test-taking and studying techniques/strategies using mock test questions, discussion boards and other resources.

HIT 285 Registered Health Information Technician Exam Preparation (3 Units)
Hours: 54 (54 lecture).
In-depth review of HIM principles and applications to prepare HIT program graduates for the AHIMA national RHIT examination. Focus is on reviewing materials covered in the MCS Program, and on test-taking and studying techniques/strategies using mock test questions, discussion boards and other resources to prepare them for the national exam.

Cancer Information Management (CIM)

CIM 125 Cancer Disease Management (4 Units)
Prerequisites: HIT 135 and BMS 146.
Corequisites: CIM 100.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture).
Overview of the oncology disease process, using principles from anatomy, physiology and chemistry; diagnostic and staging procedures (laboratory, pathology, imaging and surgery); Treatments (surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, etc.); emphasis on the major sites of cancer; Overview of clinical trials/research protocols.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable
CIM 150 Oncology Coding And Staging Systems (4 Units)
Prerequisites: CIM 125.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 72 (72 lecture)
Overview of oncology coding and staging systems (ICD-O-3, SSS2K, AJCC, the MP/H rules, and the Hematopoietic DB/Manual). Focus on coding clinical information from medical records; staging and extent of disease concepts used by physicians and cancer surveillance organizations; and the rules used to determine the number of primaries.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

CIM 201 Abstracting Principles And Practice I (3 Units)
Prerequisites: HIT 135.
Corequisites: CIM 125 Prior or concurrent enrollment in CIM 125.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Identification/selection of appropriate clinical information from medical records for capture on the abstract, in a manner consistent with cancer registry regulatory core data requirements.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

CIM 202 Abstracting Principles And Practice II (3 Units)
Prerequisites: CIM 201.
Corequisites: Prior or concurrent enrollment in CIM 150.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Application of the principles of cancer registry abstracting. Identification, selection, and recording of appropriate cancer-related information consistent with regulatory requirements. Manual quality control edits of abstracted information to assure timeliness, completeness and accuracy of data.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

CIM 225 Cancer Registry Management II (2 Units)
Corequisites: Prior or concurrent enrollment in CIM 100.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or ENG 110H.
Hours: 36 (36 lecture)
Overview of management reports, cancer reporting to the central registry and the NCDB, survival analysis, clinical practice guidelines, uses of central cancer registry data, standard setters and professional organizations, central cancer registries, geographic information systems, federal and other types of registries, clinical trials, and cancer registries in other countries.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

CIM 250 Cancer Statistics And Epidemiology (3 Units)
Prerequisites: CIM 201.
Corequisites: CIM 202, prior or concurrently.
Skills Advisories: MATH 95 and Eligibility for ENG 98 and ENG 103.
Hours: 54 (54 lecture)
Introduction to cancer statistics, descriptive and analytic epidemiology, cancer surveillance, annual report preparation, presentation of cancer data and special studies. Use of cancer statistical data for marketing and strategic planning.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable

CIM 275 CIM Practicum (3 Units)
Prerequisites: CIM 202 and 225 and 250.
Corequisites: HIT 240 prior to or concurrent.
Skills Advisories: Eligibility for ENG 110 or 110H.
Hours: 162 (162 lab)
Supervised clinical experience in performing NCRA-required CIM competencies in a cancer registry setting. Students are assigned to affiliated hospital or central cancer registry for supervised professional practice. Students have the status of learner and shall not be considered agency employees, nor do they replace employed staff. Clinical practice is conducted as a non-paid, laboratory experience.
Transfer Information: CSU Transferable