

RCTC PROGRAM PLAN

HEALTHCARE OFFICE PROFESSIONAL

Associate of Applied Science

I. MINNESOTA TRANSFER CURRICULUM (MnTC)/

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS 17 CREDITS

GOAL 1: WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATION 3-4 CR

ENGL 1109, Introduction to Professional and Technical Communications, 3 cr OR

ENGL 1117, Reading and Writing Critically I, 4 cr

GOAL 3: NATURAL SCIENCES 4 CR

BIOL 1107, Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology, 4 cr

GOAL 7: HUMAN DIVERSITY 3 CR

Recommended Course:

COMM 1130, Interpersonal Communications, 3 cr

GOAL 9: ETHICAL/CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY 3 CR

Recommended Course:

PHIL 1135, Bioethics, 3 cr

MnTC ELECTIVES 3-4 CR

Credits chosen from courses meeting MnTC Goals 1-10.

II. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 28 CREDITS

AOP 2220, Business Communications, 3 cr

AOP 2614, Customer Relations Management, 3 cr

AOP 2617, Microsoft Outlook and Meeting Planning, 3 cr

AOP 2622, Multimedia and Collaborative Technology, 3 cr

AOP 2870, Employment Strategies, 1 cr

HCOP 1620, Medical Terminology for Health Professions, 3 cr

HCOP 1630, Healthcare Office Fundamentals, 3 cr

HCOP 1640, Healthcare Office Documentation, 4 cr

HIMC 2600, Human Diseases for Health Professionals, 3 cr

HIMC 2610, Pharmacology, 2 cr

III. ELECTIVES 15 CREDITS

Recommended Courses:

AOP 1360, Microsoft Excel, 3 cr

BUS 1101, Introduction to Business, 3 cr

HIMC 1840, Introduction to Health Records, 3 cr

HIMC 1850, Computerized Health Information, 3 cr

MATH 1111, Quantitative Reasoning, 3cr

Any MNTC Courses

TOTAL 60 CREDITS

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PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of the Healthcare Office Professional program at RCTC, students will achieve the following outcomes:

- Define and comprehend appropriate terminology in the area of pharmacology, pathophysiology, anatomy, and physiology in medical documents.
- Demonstrate the ability to correctly transcribe, proofread, and edit healthcare documents using correct English language and the proper rules of grammar, punctuation, and style.
- Demonstrate ability to accurately manage an electronic medical record.
- Demonstrate the administrative functions, operations, and dynamics of healthcare work environments in the role of a healthcare office professional.
- Exhibit critical thinking, ethical conduct, and professionalism in oral and written communication in a medical office setting.

NOTES:

PURPOSE: This program prepares students for employment in healthcare office environments. Employment opportunities may include medical administrative assistants, receptionists, appointment coordinators, medical transcriptionists, medical scribes, medical editors, medical secretary, pathology reporting specialists, health unit coordinators, and healthcare documentation specialists. Healthcare office professionals may provide support to patients, physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and surgeons in hospitals, clinics, or medical offices. Extensive training is provided in medical terminology, healthcare documentation, and office technology and fundamentals. Students will learn how diseases affect the body and which medications and other treatments are used to treat illnesses.

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