

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY A.A.S. DEGREE

Purpose: HIM 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 (EHRs). They ensure a patient's health information and records are complete, accurate, and protected. HIM professionals also work on the classification of diseases and treatments to ensure they are standardized for clinical, billing, and legal uses in healthcare.

Health Information Technicians analyze, secure, and maintain patient health information. Other duties include coding diagnoses, processing reimbursements, managing release of information, and protecting patient data privacy. Upon successfully completing RCTC's online Health Information Technology (HIT) program, you are eligible to take the national exam sponsored by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and earn the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) credential.

Award

Health Information Technology A.A.S Degree.....64 credits total
 HIMC curriculum.....47 credits
 MnTC curriculum/General Education.....17 credits

**This program is available fully on-line.*

RECOMMENDED FULL-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE			
Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See course schedule: https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306 .			
Semester 1		Semester 2	
AOP 2350 Microcomputer Business Applications	3 cr	ENGL 1109 Intro to Professional and Technical Communication	3 cr
BIOL 1107 Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology	4 cr	HIMC 1800 Legal Aspects of Health Information	3 cr
ENGL 1117 Reading and Writing Critically I	4 cr	HIMC 1820 CPT Coding	3 cr
HCOP 1620 Medical Terminology for Health Professions	3 cr	HIMC 1840 Intro to Health Records	3 cr
HIMC 2600 Human Diseases for Health Professions	3 cr	HIMC 2010 ICD-10-CM Coding	4 cr
Total Credits	17	Total Credits	16
Semester 3		Semester 4	
COMM 1114 Fundamentals of Public Speaking OR COMM 1130 Interpersonal Communication	3 cr	AOP 2870 Employment Strategies	1 cr
HIMC 1850 Computerized Health Information	3 cr	PHIL 1135 Bioethics OR PSYC 1611 Psychology of Adjustment OR PSYC 2618 General Psychology	3 cr
HIMC 2720 Quality Management of Health (Fall Only) OR HIMC 1910 Reimbursement (Spring only)	2 cr	HIMC 2030 Advanced Coding	3 cr
HIMC 2020 ICD-10-PCS Coding	3 cr	HIMC 2720 Quality Management of Health (Fall Only) OR HIMC 1910 Reimbursement (Spring only)	2 cr
HIMC 2610 Pharmacology	2 cr	HIMC 2710 Healthcare Data Analysis (Fall Only) OR HIMC 2820 Supervision of Health Information (Spring Only)	3 cr
HIMC 2710 Healthcare Data Analysis (Fall Only) OR HIMC 2820 Supervision of Health Information (Spring Only)	3 cr	HIMC 2830 HIT Review	1 cr
Total Credits	16	HIMC 2870 HIT Capstone Experience	2 cr
		Total Credits	15

RECOMMENDED PART-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE

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Semester 1 AOP 2350 Microcomputer Business Applications ENGL 1117 Reading and Writing Critically I Total Credits	3 cr 4 cr 7	Semester 2 BIOL 1107 Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology HCOP 1620 Medical Terminology for Health Professions HIMC 2600 Human Diseases for Health Professions Total Credits	4 cr 3 cr 3 cr 10
Semester 3 ENGL 1109 Intro to Professional and Technical Communication HIMC 1800 Legal Aspects of Health Information HIMC 2610 Pharmacology Total Credits	3 cr 3 cr 2 cr 8	Semester 4 HIMC 1820 CPT Coding HIMC 1840 Intro to Health Records HIMC 2720 Quality Management of Health (Fall Only) OR HIMC 1910 Reimbursement (Spring only) Total Credits	3 cr 3 cr 2 cr 8
Semester 5 COMM 1114 Fundamentals of Public Speaking OR COMM 1130 Interpersonal Communication HIMC 1850 Computerized Health Information HIMC 2720 Quality Management of Health (Fall Only) OR HIMC 1910 Reimbursement (Spring only) Total Credits	3 cr 3 cr 2 cr 8	Semester 6 AOP 2870 Employment Strategies HIMC 2010 ICD-10-CM Coding HIMC 2710 Healthcare Data Analysis (Fall Only) OR HIMC 2820 Supervision of Health Information (Spring Only) Total Credits	1 cr 4 cr 3 cr 8
Semester 7 PHIL 1135 Bioethics OR PSYC 1611 Psychology of Adjustment OR PSYC 2618 General Psychology HIMC 2020 ICD-10-PCS Coding HIMC 2710 Healthcare Data Analysis (Fall Only) OR HIMC 2820 Supervision of Health Information (Spring Only) Total Credits	3 cr 3 cr 3 cr 9	Semester 8 HIMC 2030 Advanced Coding HIMC 2830 HIT Review HIMC 2870 HIT Capstone Experience Total Credits	3 cr 1 cr 2 cr 6