

## Careers in Allied Health Health Information Technology Associate of Science Degree • Allegheny Campus

### Job Potential

A career in health information technology uses a combination of knowledge and skills from health sciences, business applications and computer technology within the healthcare industry.

Health information technicians generally perform duties vital to the professional operation of a healthcare facility's medical records department. These duties may include working with systems to collect, process, code and analyze medical and statistical data, maintain various health information databases, store and retrieve information and communicate the health information that is necessary for patient care. This health information is also used for research, planning, education, financial reimbursement and the evaluation of the quality of healthcare services.

Employment opportunities for successful graduates of the Health Information Technology (HIT) program exist in hospitals, long-term care facilities, behavioral health facilities, home healthcare providers, rehabilitation centers, ambulatory care facilities, insurance companies and physician practices.

A nationwide survey conducted by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) shows the average entry-level annual



salary for a health information technician with an associate's degree is \$20,000 to \$30,000. The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates the 10-year employment projections will grow much faster than average.

### Affordable Quality Education

Supportive, personalized instruction by professionals experienced in their fields is one of the hallmarks of a CCAC education. Students in the HIT program benefit from 360 hours of supervised professional practice experience that is coordinated with classroom learning. Students also have the opportunity to participate in professional activities of the AHIMA at the local, state and national levels to enrich their learning experience.

In addition, graduates of this CCAC program are eligible to take the national examination of the AHIMA to qualify as a Registered Health Information Technician.

The HIT program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

For additional information on **CCAC's Health Information Technology program**, email [AlliedHealthInfo@ccac.edu](mailto:AlliedHealthInfo@ccac.edu) or call 412.237.2681.

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# Health Information Technology

## Admission to the Program

- Apply to the college
- Complete separate application to the Health Information Technology program
- Admission to the program is limited by the availability of clinical sites, number of faculty and laboratory size
- Applicants must have a “C” or better in BIO110 Introduction to Biological Sciences and be eligible for college-level courses
- Students are accepted throughout the year based on meeting eligibility requirements and the date of the application
- Evidence of Act 33 and 34 clearance (Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance and Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check) is NOT required for program admission. However, these clearances may be required for clinical placement and by employers for future job opportunities

## Program Costs

- Current college tuition and fees
- Required books and supplies
- Transportation and costs related to clinical sites
- Fees associated with the required medical evaluation and other clinical site screens

## Program Completion Requirements

- Complete all course requirements in the Health Information Technology curriculum
- Maintain an overall QPA of 2.5 or better
- Maintain at least a “C” grade in all program courses
- Students who receive more than one (1) “D” or “F” grade in a course with the “MDR” prefix will be dismissed from the Health Information Technology program

## Program Outcomes

### Students enrolled in the program will:

- Successfully meet the requirements for an associate's degree.
- Complete a minimum of 360 hours of supervised professional practice experience that is coordinated with classroom learning.
- Be prepared to pass the national registration examination of AHIMA to qualify as a Registered Health Information Technician.
- Participate in professional activities of the AHIMA at the local, state and national level.
- Be qualified to seek employment in the health information technology profession.

## ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### First Semester

		Credits
BIO161	Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
CIT100	Intro to Computers	3
ALH140	Medical Terminology	3
MDR100	Intro to Health Data Content & Structure	4
MAT	Math Elective	3-4

### Second Semester

BIO162	Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
CIT140	Office Productivity Applications	4
ALH125	Pharmacology OR BIO107 Pharmacology	3
PSY101	Intro to Psychology	3
MDR103	Healthcare Statistics	2
MDR206	Legal Aspects of Health Information	2

### Third Semester

BIO241	Pathophysiology	4
ENG101	English Composition 1	3
MDR102	Inpatient Clinical Coding & Secondary Records	4
MDR207	Clinical Quality Improvement, Regulatory Agencies & Specialty Facilities	3
MDR202	Health Information Technology Directed Practice 1	3

### Fourth Semester

ENG102	English Composition 2	3
MDR203	Health Information Technology Directed Practice 2	6
MDR208	Health Information Management	3
MDR210	Ambulatory Care Clinical Coding & Reimbursement Systems	3
SPH101	Oral Communications	3

### Minimum credits required to graduate

**70-71**

For official program description and requirements, see program details at [www.ccac.edu](http://www.ccac.edu).

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