

Health Information Technology

10-530-1 | Associate Degree | 62 Credits | Two Year | Financial Aid Eligible

Campus: Online

Program Overview

A degree in Health Information Technology (HIT) gives graduates the ability to work in healthcare with a focus on managing health information rather than on direct patient interaction. With this degree you will gain competency in medical coding, ensuring the integrity of health information, analyzing data, adhering to legal and regulatory standards, leading a team and quality management. You'll master this content through simulated learning activities and with the use of academic software applications (electronic health records, encoders, etc.).

Special Features

- All courses will be offered online
- The program may be completed in a full-time or part-time format
- Students participate in a supervised clinical experience (fourth semester)

Admission Requirements

- Complete Online application form
- Submit an official high school (or HSED/GED) transcript with graduation date.
 - If you are a current high school student, you can be admitted with an unofficial, or official, current transcript. Your final official transcript with graduation date must be submitted prior to the program starting or you will be withdrawn from the program.
- Review and sign Background Check Disclosure
- Complete admissions meeting with a Northwood Tech counselor (academic admission requirements apply - see page 37 for more information)

Program-Specific Requirements

- Submit Background Check fee
- Have an acceptable National Criminal Background Check and state-specific caregiver background check for where the HIT clinical experience will be completed
- Complete physical exam and health requirements, including immunizations
- Review and sign Health Sciences Confidentiality Statement
- Review and complete the computer skills inventory
- Review Health Information Technology program orientation materials
- Meet with Health Information Technology program advisor to determine program sequencing and completion goals

Program Outcomes

Health Information Technology graduates will be able to:

- Apply data governance principles to ensure the quality of health data
- Apply coding and reimbursement systems
- Model professional behaviors and ethics
- Apply informatics and analytics in data use
- Apply organizational management techniques

Career Outlook

Typical positions available after graduation include:

- Health Information Technician
- HIM Supervisor
- Insurance/Business Specialist

Career Pathway ►

The Health Information Technology program includes the following pathway option (page 213):

- Medical Coding Specialist

The Health Information Management accreditor of Northwood Technical College is the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). The College's accreditation for the Health Information Technology degree in Health Information Management has been reaffirmed through 2024-2025.

All inquiries about the program's accreditation status should be directed by mail to CAHIIM, 200 East Randolph Street, Suite 5100, Chicago, IL, 60601; by phone at 312.235.3255; or by email at info@cahiim.org.



Required Courses

Number	Course Title	Credits (cr.)
Program Courses		
10501101	Medical Terminology	3 cr.
10501107	Digital Literacy for Healthcare	2 cr.
10530159	Healthcare Revenue Management*	3 cr.
10530161	Health Quality Management*	3 cr.
10530162	Foundations of HIM*	3 cr.
10530163	Healthcare Stats and Analytics*	3 cr.
10530164	Intro to Healthcare Informatics*	3 cr.
10530165	Intermediate Coding*	3 cr.
10530166	HIT Capstone*	1 cr.
10530167	Management of HIM Resources*	3 cr.
10530178	Healthcare Law & Ethics*	2 cr.
10530182	Human Disease for the Health Professions*	3 cr.
10530184	CPT Coding *	3 cr.
10530196	Professional Practice*	3 cr.
10530197	ICD Diagnosis Coding*	3 cr.
10530199	ICD Procedure Coding*	<u>2 cr.</u>
Program Courses Total		43 cr.
General Education Courses		
10801136	English Composition 1	3 cr.
10801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	
or		
10801198	Speech	3 cr.
10804189	Introductory Statistics*	3 cr.
10806177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4 cr.
10809172	Introduction to Diversity Studies	3 cr.
10809198	Introduction to Psychology	<u>3 cr.</u>
General Education Courses Total		19 cr.
TOTAL CREDITS		62 cr.

* Requires a prerequisite and/or corequisite that must be completed with a grade point of 2.0 or better.

You must earn a grade point of 2.0 or better in all required courses.

Course repeat policies exist that allow for only a certain number of retakes within this program; please refer to the policies for details

See pages 221-302 for course descriptions.