

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Associate in Applied Science A.A.S.: Health Information Technology Degree

This 60 credit-hour program prepares the graduate to enter a career which blends two rapidly expanding fields, healthcare and information technology. The HIT AAS is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) for both the Data Management Track and the Revenue Management Track. Students who successfully complete the academic requirements for this program are eligible to sit for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) exam offered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). The RHIT credential is recognized by healthcare organizations nationwide.

Admission Requirements: The Health Information Technology AAS is an application-based fully online program with a fall start only for both full-time and part-time cohorts. For admission requirements, including a mandatory information session, please contact the Admissions Outreach Office at 847.925.6700 or visit harpercollege.edu. Students who apply for this program are obligated to meet current admission requirements and follow program curriculum as defined at the time of acceptance to the program.

FIRST SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all coursework is required.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
BIO 135	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology ¹	4	AAS General Education
CAS 160	Introduction to Business Software Packages	3	Program Requirement
HIT 125	Healthcare Data Structure, Content, and Standards	2	Program Requirement
HIT 150	Health Information Protection, Analysis, and Technology	2	Program Requirement
MTH 165	Elementary Statistics	4	AAS General Education

SECOND SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all coursework is required.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
CIS 143	Introduction to Database Systems	3	Program Requirement
ENG 101	Composition	3	AAS General Education
HIT 165	Pathopharmacology for Health Information Professionals	3	Program Requirement
HIT 175	Revenue Management, Compliance, and Leadership	2	Program Requirement
HSC 112	Medical Terminology	2	Program Requirement

SUMMER SESSION:

A grade of C or better in all coursework is required.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
HIT 196	Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Coding	3	Program Requirement
SPE 101	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	AAS General Education

THIRD SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all coursework is required.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
HIT 197	International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Coding	3	Program Requirement
HIT 199	Health Care Reimbursement	3	Program Requirement
HIT 225	Electronic Health Records for Health Information Systems	3	Program Requirement
HIT 230	Health Care Information Analysis	3	Program Requirement
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology ⁺	3	AAS General Education

FOURTH SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all coursework is required.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
HIT 235	Advanced Medical Coding	4	Program Requirement
HIT 240	Health Information Technology Externship	2	Program Requirement
HIT 250	Law for Health Information	3	Program Requirement
HIT 299	Health Information Technology Capstone	2	Program Requirement

¹ BIO 260 and BIO 261 may be substituted for BIO 135 (formerly 160 and 161).

⁺ This course meets the World Culture and Diversity graduation requirement.