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Health Information Technology

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree

Technical Requirements	45
General Education/MnTC	15
TOTAL CREDITS	60

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College associate in applied science (AAS) degree in Health Information Technology is a 60-credit program that prepares students for a career in health care and settings where health information is utilized. A student graduating with a degree in Health Information Technology is well prepared to assume an entry-level position in this professional field. Specifically, program outcomes are designed to assure that graduates of the program will be prepared to demonstrate: essential professional and technical knowledge, skills and competencies fundamental to the health information management profession; effective written and oral communication skills; skills in using resources and technology; problem solving, teamwork and critical thinking skills.

Accreditations

The Health Information Technology degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Only graduates of a program accredited by CAHIM are eligible to sit for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) exam.

Prerequisites

See *credits:*

* The prerequisite to COMP 1000 is course is COMP 0100 Basic Computer Keyboarding

NOTE: Students are required to take HITM 1130 and HITM 1230 as part of their program; however they can continue to take HITM 1190 ICD-9-CM Coding After ICD-10 during this transition period.

Background Study

Minnesota Law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and residents at a health care facility licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health have a background study conducted by the state. An individual who is disqualified from having direct contact with patients as a result of the background study, and whose disqualification is not set aside by the Commissioner of Health, will not be permitted to participate in a clinical placement in a Minnesota licensed health care facility. The College will withdraw any student who is disqualified by the Minnesota Department of Health. The student is responsible for requesting the Commissioner to reconsider the disqualification.

Graduation Requirements

Anoka Technical College requires that all students seeking an associate in applied science (AAS) or diploma have new student assessment scores exempting them from taking basic math, basic English, and reading or complete basic math, basic English, and/or reading courses with a "C" grade or better. See Graduation Standards in the *Student Handbook*.

NOTE: Program plans are subject to change. Please contact your program advisor for the most current program information.

Transfer Opportunities

To see how this program transfers to other programs, review the Anoka Tech articulation agreements at Minnesota Transfer. Articulation agreements are transfer agreements with specific programs and partnering schools. These agreements detail how specific courses transfer to a specific program at the partnering school. For a complete list of Anoka Tech's articulation agreements listed by program please see this Minnesota Transfer link.

Technical Education — 45 Credits

☐	*COMP 1000 Introduction to Computers	3
☐	ADSC 1221 Introduction to Health Information Management	3
☐	ADSC 1240 Coding & Reimbursement for Physicians' Services	3
☐	ADSC 1244 Legal and Ethical Aspects in Health Care	2
☐	ADSC 1245 Concepts of Health Data Registries	3
☐	ADSC 1246 HIT Professional Practice Experience II	2
☐	ADSC 1247 Health Information Systems and Technology	3
☐	ADSC 1325 Quality & Performance Improvement in Healthcare	3
☐	HITM 1110 Medical Terminology in Health Information	3
☐	HITM 1120 HIT Practicum I	3
☐	HITM 1130 ICD-10-CM Coding	3
☐	HITM 1200 Billing and Reimbursement	2
☐	HITM 1210 Supervision of Health Information	3
☐	HITM 1230 ICD-10-PCS Coding	3
☐	HLTH 1000 Disease Conditions	2
☐	HLTH 1005 Anatomy & Physiology	4

General Education/MnTC Requirements — 15 Credits

Fifteen (15) general education credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) are required. Student is required to take:

☐	BIOL 1106 Introduction to Biology	4
☐	ENGL 1105 Composition I	4
☐	PSYC 1505 General Psychology	4
☐	SPCH 1120 Public Speaking	OR
☐	SPCH 1200 Interpersonal Communication	3

This program may also include Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) courses. MnTC courses transfer to meet MnTC general education courses throughout the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. MnTC courses from Anoka Technical College transfer to any MnSCU institution to meet the same goal areas that are met at Anoka Tech. Students are encouraged to contact the Office of Records and Registration at all transfer schools for details about the institution's transfer process and policies.
For more information please visit our Transfer page

Industry Information

The Health Information Management (HIM) professional is an important connection between doctors, patients, insurance providers, and other healthcare professionals within the field. By maintaining, collecting, and analyzing health information, the HIM professional makes an important behind the scenes contribution to the delivery of quality care. Besides working with cutting-edge technology, HIM professionals are experts in the field of patient health information and health records.

Health information technicians ensure the quality of health information by: verifying health records completeness and accuracy and proper entry into computer systems. Utilizing computer applications to assemble and analyze patient data Coding diagnoses and procedures for reimbursement and research Compiling and maintaining registry data Maintaining quality control of health records Assuring patient privacy and data security.

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Wages /Outlook/Advancement

The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in its Occupational Outlook Handbook, projects that employment for health information technicians is expected to grow much faster than the average. Credentialed health information technicians (RHITs) can look forward to many expanding career opportunities due to Increasing patient privacy/data security legislation and computerization of health information.

Wage information is available from the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Start Dates

Fall Semester ..... August
Spring Semester ..... January

Students can start coursework either semester, however some courses are only offered once a year. Students are encouraged to plan ahead by reviewing course sequence plans with program advisor.

Faculty Contact

Georgina Sampson 763-576-4042
For service during summer hours contact Enrollment Services 763-576-7710

For information on how to apply or to schedule a tour, please contact Admissions by phone 763-576-7710 or by email at info@anokatech.edu

Program Sequence: Full-Time

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
FIRST YEAR	ADSC 1221 .....3 BIOL 1106.....4 COMP 1000 .....3 HLTH 1000.....2 HLTH 1005.....4 HITM 1110.....3 **TOTAL..... 19**	*Coming Soon*	
SECOND YEAR	**Fall Semester**	**Spring Semester**	
	Coming Soon	*Coming Soon*	

Although the general education courses are listed in the sequence above, the courses may be taken any semester and in any order.

Program Sequence: Part-Time

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
FIRST YEAR	*Coming Soon*	*Coming Soon*	*Coming Soon*
SECOND YEAR	**Fall Semester**	**Spring Semester**	**Summer Semester**
	Coming Soon	*Coming Soon*	*Coming Soon*
THIRD YEAR	**Fall Semester**	**Spring Semester**	**Summer Semester**
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