Health Information Technology
Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree

Technical Credits........................ 49
MnTC General Education Credits............15
Total Credits 64

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Health Information Technology (HIT) is a 64-credit program that prepares students for a career working in health care and settings where health information is utilized. A student graduating with an HIT degree is well prepared to assume an entry-level position in this professional field.

Successful graduates are prepared to demonstrate:
- Essential professional and technical knowledge
- Skills and competencies fundamental to the health information management profession
- Effective written and oral communication skills
- Problem solving, teamwork, and critical thinking skills

Program Learning Outcomes

- Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to sit for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) exam.
- Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to work in a hospital/healthcare setting beginning as an entry-level supervisor.
- Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to sit for a number of coding credentials, such as the CCA, CCS, CCS-P, CPC, CPC-H.
- Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to work in a hospital, clinic, public health facility, insurance company, or related facility.
- Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to deal with confidential patient information and work in the area of release of information.
- Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to transfer to a four-year degree program in Health Information Management.
- Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to further their career path by continuing their education in Tumor Registry.

Career Opportunities

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.

Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to:
- Further their career path by continuing their education in Tumor, Trauma, or other Registries.
- Verify health records completeness and accuracy and proper entry into computer systems.
- Utilize computer applications to assemble and analyze patient data.
- Code diagnoses and procedures for reimbursement and research.
- Compiling and maintaining registry data.
- Assure patient privacy and data security.

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

Accreditation

The Health Information Technology accreditor of Anoka Technical College is the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). The College's accreditation for the associate degree in Health Information Technology has been reaffirmed through 2030. 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.

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.

Program Start Dates

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

Course Prerequisites

Some courses in this program may require a prerequisite. Please see course descriptions for more details.

MnTC General Education Requirements

This program requires completion of the following fifteen credits of general education from at least three goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). Refer to the MnTC course list for elective courses:

☐ BIOL 1106　Principles of Biology (Goal 2&3).......................4
☐ INTS 1000　Critical Thinking Applications for College (Goal 2)...3
☐ MnTC General Education English Courses (Goal 1)................3
☐ MnTC Electives..5

Program Sequence

First Semester　..**17**
☐ ADSC 1171　Microsoft Excel 2
☐ ADSC 1181　Microsoft Access 2
☐ HITM 1110　Medical Terminology in Health Information.......3
☐ HITM 1130　ICD-10-CM Coding 3
☐ HITM 1221　Intro to Health Information Management 3
☐ HLTH 1005　Anatomy & Physiology 4

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Second Semester...**15**
☐ BIOL 1106   Principles of Biology 4
☐ HITM 1230   ICD-10-PCS Coding...3
☐ HITM 1241   CPT Coding 3
☐ HLTH 1000   Disease Conditions 2
☐ INTS 1000   Critical Thinking Applications for College 3
Third Semester **17**
☐ HITM 1200   Billing and Reimbursement.................................2
☐ HITM 1244   Law and Ethics 2
☐ HITM 1250   Advanced Coding 2
☐ HITM 2000   Health Information and Statistics 3
☐ MnTC English Course (Goal 1) 3
☐ MnTC Electives 5
Fourth Semester..**15**
☐ HITM 1210   Supervision of Health Information 3
☐ HITM 1325   Quality & Performance Improvement in Healthcare 3
☐ HITM 2240   Computerized Health Information 3
☐ HITM 2245   Health Care Statistic and Data Registries............3
☐ HITM 2261   Professional Practice Experience 3

Graduation Requirements

All courses required for this program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

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For information on how to apply, to schedule a tour, or for service during summer hours, contact Enrollment Services at 763-576-7710 or EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu

Also see: Medical Coding diploma and Health Unit Coordinator certificate

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