

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

HEALTH PROFESSIONS CAREER PATHWAY



3 CAREERS IN 1: IT, BUSINESS & MEDICAL SCIENCE

Health information management is the process of acquiring, analyzing, and protecting digital and traditional medical information. Tidewater Community College offers the only accredited health information management program in South Hampton Roads.

Health information managers are skilled in translating medical language into the codes needed for preservation and analysis of data, insurance reimbursement, and health care decisions. They ensure a patient's health information and records are complete, accurate, and protected.

PROGRAM

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Complete in as few as 5 semesters / 67 credits

This curriculum builds your health information management expertise through hands-on training, a clinical internship, and lectures in TCC's state-of-the-art training facility. An 80-hour clinical internship and a 120-hour VLab simulated experience prepare you for the workplace. Course work includes human anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, human pathology, and pharmacology. Students are qualified to sit for the AHIMA Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT®) certification exam. Only graduations of CAHIIM-accredited programs may take this exam.

SELECTIVE ADMISSION

Admission to the health information management program requires a separate application in addition to general admission to the college.

To qualify for this competitive program, you will need to apply to TCC and indicate that you intend to pursue Health Information Management, then complete and submit the Health Professions Program Application by May 15 for fall admission.

You must also complete the following prerequisites with a grade of C or better:

- Biology (BIO) 141 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- English (ENG) 111 - College Composition I
- Math Essentials (MTH) 5 - Linear Equations, or higher

Interested students are strongly encouraged to attend an information session. These sessions are held the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. (except December) at the Regional Health Professions Center on the Virginia Beach Campus.

TCC FAST FACT

PROGRAM IS ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR HEALTH INFORMATICS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT EDUCATION (CAHIIM).



POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

- Health information management technician
- Electronic record specialist
- Inpatient or outpatient coder
- Insurance specialist
- Release of information coordinator
- Privacy and security specialist
- Auditor

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?

Yes, if you:

- have excellent communication skills
- have strong computer skills
- are detail oriented

PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

- Regional Health Professions Center in Virginia Beach, VA

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