

A.S. HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The A.S. degree program in Health Information Technology prepares graduates for health information technician positions in hospitals, clinics, and related health-care facilities and agencies. The health information technician performs technical duties vital to the operation of a medical records department in any health care facility.

Graduates of this degree program may also use it as the first step in completion of a 4-year degree in Health Information Administration.

The Health Information Technology degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Following graduation, students may apply to write the registration examination administered by AHIMA. Individuals who pass the examination are entitled to use the designation RHIT (Registered Health Information Technician) and to work in the medical records field in any health care agency.

WHO TO CONTACT

Contact an on-site advisor in person, by email or by phone at 605-367-5640 or 1-866-220-7085. Or, go to www.SDUUniversityCenter.org and click on "Request Information" or try the live chat.



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HOW TO APPLY

- In person- pick up an application at the front desk or from an on-site advisor at University Center.
- Online - click on prospective student under admissions at www.SDUniversityCenter.org. Fill out the application on line, mail or bring it to University Center. Readmit students will need to bring it in person to an advisor at UC.

Graduates who successfully complete the certification process are prepared to serve as entry-level health information technicians in the medical records departments of any health-care facility, including hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes. Many also work at home as contract employees for health-care facilities, completing transcription and coding of health care records. Graduates are also eligible for admission to the 4-year degree program in health information administration, which is offered on-line by Dakota State University.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS & GRADUATES SAY

“I found the DSU faculty and staff very friendly and eager to help. The professors are very available and willing to help students to make sure students understand the course content. This degree program prepares graduates for a wide variety of job opportunities – in both small towns and in large cities and in a variety of health-care facilities.”



System-wide General Education Requirements	19
BIOL 151 General Biology I	4
ENGL 101 Composition I	3
MATH 102 College Algebra	3
Oral Communication (one course from Gen Ed list)	3
Social Studies (one course from Gen Ed list)	3
Arts and Humanities (one course from Gen Ed list)	3

DSU Institutional Graduating Requirements	6
CSC 105 Introduction to Computers	3
CIS 130 Visual Basic Programming	3
Or CSC 150 Computer Science I	3

Health Information Technology Courses	42
BIOL 323 Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
CIS 325 Mgmt. Information Systems	3
HIM 130 Basic Medical Terminology	2
HIM 150 Introduction to the Health Info Mgmt.	3
HIM 160 ICED-9-CM Health Care Coding System	3
HIM 170 Legal Aspect of Health Info. Mgmt.	3
HIM 250 Alternative Site Hlth Information Mgmt.	2
HIM 252 Basic Foundations of Hlth Data Systems	3
HIM 260 Fundamentals of Human Diseases	5
HIM 262 CPT/ HCSPCS Hlthcare Coding System	3
HIM 264 Hlthcare Reimbursement Methodologies	1
HIM 265 Mgmt of Quality/Functions of HIM	4
HIM 285 Supervised Professional Practice	2
HIM 286 Supervised Professional Practice	1
HIM 287 Supervised Professional Practice	3

Total Required Credits 67