

Associate of Science in Health Information Technology Program Code 2179

Program Description: The Associate of Science in Health Information Technology program prepares the student for employment as a health information technician (HIT) in a variety of settings and eligibility to write the national certifying examination to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). The program will also provide the student the eligibility to sit for the AAPC or AHIMA coding credentialing examinations. Responsibilities include coding of diagnoses and procedures; as well as processing, storage and retrieval of health information in ether paper or electronic health records.

Areas covered in the course work include, but not limited to, confidentiality of protected health information, health information and electronic health records systems, legal aspects, statistical reporting, reimbursement methodology, healthcare informatics, performance improvement, and supervision of daily department activities comprise other functions taught in the program.

Career Pathway: Health Science

Program Entrance Requirements: The Associate of Science in Health Information Technology is a limited access program. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission into the program. Students are required to complete a supplemental application and meet specific criteria. There are a limited number of students admitted to the program each year. Please refer to the Health Science Admissions information included in Appendix C of the catalog for specific admissions requirements. Students can also access admissions requirements online at www.broward.edu/healthsciences

Additional Program Information: Students must complete all required coursework with a grade of “C” or higher and earn a minimum degree grade point average of 2.0. Professional practice experiences are provided in local health care facilities, by simulation or in combination under the supervision of qualified professional personnel. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

BC has articulation agreements with limited educational organizations in the community which allow us to accept the certifications received from these programs to be counted (credits awarded) towards the degree at BC. The program currently has articulation agreements with Sheridan and Atlantic Tech Vocational Centers for students graduating from the Medical Transcription and the Medical Coder/Billing Certification Programs.

Related Industry Certifications: Upon completing this program, graduates will be eligible to sit for the following industry certifications and/or licenses:

- Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT)
- Certified Coding Associate (CCA)

Locations: General Education courses are offered at all college locations, including online. Program specific courses are only available at the North Campus. Please consult the course schedule for specific semester locations.

Contact information: Program contact information can be found at www.broward.edu/hit

Related Programs at Broward College: N/A

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General Education Credit Hours		18
ENC1101	Composition	3
BSC1005	General Biology	3
SPC1024	Introduction to Speech or	or
SPC1608	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
PSY2012	General Psychology	3
PHI2600	Introduction to Ethics	3
MAC1105	College Algebra	or
STA2023	Statistics	or
MGF1106	Foundations of Mathematical Reasoning	3
 Programmatic Specific Credit Hours		 52
HSC1531	Medical Terminology	3
HIM1000	Introduction to Health Information Management	3
HIM 1430	Survey of Human Structure & Disease I	3
HIM 2512	Supervision and Organizational Life	2
HIM1435	Survey of Human Structure & Disease II	3
HIM1110	Health Data Concepts	3
HIM1110L	Health Data Concepts Lab	1
HIM1253	Coding: I	3
HIM2214L	Health Statistics	1
CGS1540C	Database Management	3
HIM1800	Professional Practice I	2
HIM1253L	Coding I Lab	1
HIM2012	Health Records Law	3
HIM1260	Reimbursement Methodology	2
HIM2232	Coding II	2
HIM2232L	Coding II Lab	1
HIM2652	Health Information Systems	3
HIM2728	Coding III	2
HIM2728L	Coding III Lab	1
HIM2112C	Electronic Health Record	3
HIM2500	Performance Improvement	2
HIM2234C	Advanced Coding Lab	2
HIM2810	Professional Practice II	2
HIM2930L	Transition Seminar	1
 Total Program Credit Hours		 70

Mandatory Course Sequencing

First Year Term I

HIM1000	Introduction to Health Information Management	3
HIM1430	Survey of Human Structure & Disease I	3
GE Course	Mathematics	3
HIM 2512	Supervision and Organizational Life	2
ENC1101	Composition I	3
Total Term Credit Hours		14

