

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Associate in Science Major Code 2179

Program Description

This full time two-year program of study 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 edibility 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. 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).

The program has an **articulation agreement** with Atlantic and Sheridan Technical Centers for students completing the full-time Transcription or Medical Coder/Biller programs. **Articulation applicants should call the Program Manager at 954-201-2084 for information. Students from other educational facilities should contact the Program Manager to determine if course work and/or work experience credits are available.**

First year applicants should call 954-201-2890 for application information. For specific program information call the Program Manager at 954-201-2084 or go to the program website at www.broward.edu/him. Program is offered at North campus only.

General Entrance Requirements

- HS Diploma or GED/Associate Degree
 - PERT‡
- ‡ The PERT test places students into preparatory level reading, writing and math courses designed to prepare them for college coursework. The PERT test may be replaced by other test or coursework: see the College catalog for more details. All preparatory courses must be completed in order to graduate.

Criteria for Admission into the Associate in Science in Health Information Management Program:

- Applicant must fulfill the general requirements for admission to the Health Science Programs.
- A minimum 2.5 degree GPA is required.
- Complete the pre-requisite courses with a grade of “C” or higher.
- Students, who seek early admission, must obtain departmental approval.
- Applicants must complete the Pre-Health Science Core certificate requirements (HSC 0405 Basic Life Support (CPR), HSC 0382 HIV/AIDS, HCS 0474 Domestic Violence, and HSC 0476 TB/OSHA/Hepatitis) prior to admission to the program.
- Students will need a working knowledge of and be able to produce documents, spreadsheets, databases and presentations in Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint.

Requirements for the Associate in Science in Health Information Management:

- Meet BC's graduation requirements as listed in the Academic Programs and Graduation Requirements section of the College Catalog.
- Courses must be completed in the sequence as outlined in the program of study.
- Completion of 67 program semester hours of credit and a minimum degree grade point average of 2.0 “C” or higher for all courses.

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Pre-requisite Courses:

HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	3
ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
Total Semester Hours		6

First Year Term I

*HIM 1000	Introduction to Health Info. Management	2
*HIM 1453	Survey of Human Structure	3
*HIM 1435	Pathophysiology	4
MAT 0024	Elementary Algebra or higher	0
Elective	Math (MAT 1033, MAC 1105 or STA 2023) or BSC 1005 General Biology	3
Total Semester Hours		12

First Year Term II

HIM 1003	Foundation & Functions of HIM	2
HIM 1110	Health Data Concepts	2
HIM 1110L	Health Data Concepts Lab	1
*HIM 1253	Coding: I	3
*HIM 1253L	Coding I Lab	1
SPC 1024	Introduction to Speech or	
SPC 1608	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
Total Semester Hours		12

First Year Term III

HIM 1260	Reimbursement Methodology	2
CGS 1540C	Database Management	3
HIM 1800	Professional Practice I	2
Total Semester Hours		7

Second Year Term I

HIM 2012	Health Records Law	3
*HIM 2232	Coding: II	2
HIM 2232L	Coding II Lab	1
*HIM 2652	Health Information Systems	3
HIM 2214	Health Statistics	2
HIM 2512	Supervision and Organizational Life	2
Total Semester Hours		13

Second Year Term II

*HIM 2234	Coding: Advanced	3
HIM 2112C	Electronic Health Record	3
HIM 2500	Performance Improvement	2
PSY 2012	Introduction to Psychology	3
Total Semester Hours		11

Second Year Term III

HIM 2810	Professional Practice II	2
*HIM 2930	Transition Seminar	1
PHI 2600	Introduction to Ethics	3
Total Semester Hours		6
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*Requires a pre- or co-requisite. See course description in this catalog or online at www.broward.edu.

It is strongly recommended that students meet with a college academic advisor or counselor every term.