



Health Information Technology

Degree

Health Information Technology, Associate in Science

Health Information Technology Associate of Science Degree

The Associate of Science in Health Information Technology program prepares students for a career working with health information in a variety of healthcare settings in diverse roles. Health Information Technology professionals perform the essential functions of acquiring, analyzing, maintaining and securing health information vital to providing quality patient care. Health Information Technology graduates are employed in hospitals, clinics, physician's offices, ambulatory care facilities, long term care facilities, home health agencies, consulting firms, and any organization that uses patient data or health information, such as pharmaceutical companies, law and insurance firms, and health product vendors.

Requirements:

Conditional Enrollment: As a condition of enrollment in any Allied Health Program, students are required to submit to and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening, a background screening, and physical examination clearance (at the student's expense).

Please note the following:

- A history of felony conviction(s), exclusion or other ineligibility for federal program participation could render a student ineligible for clinical placement, as determined by the clinical agencies.
- If a student cannot obtain background clearance from the clinical agencies, it will not be possible to place the student in the clinical areas, which is a required component of the program. In the event that a student cannot obtain a background clearance, the space will be forfeited. Students who are found to be ineligible for clinical placement by the clinical agency after admission to the program shall be subject to dismissal from the program, as they will be unable to complete mandatory clinical rotations.
- A physical examination completed by a physician of the student's choice is required after acceptance to the Program to demonstrate that a student meets the technical standards

necessary to meet the Program objectives. Appropriate immunizations and/or vaccinations and mask fit testing are also required and are performed at the student's expense.

- More information can be found in the Bakersfield College Allied Health Office, MS 178.

In addition to the required Bakersfield College general education pattern, students must complete the core courses listed below for the Associate of Science in Health information Technology Degree. Students must also obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 with a grade of C or higher in all courses required for the major. A "P" (Pass) grade is not an acceptable grade for courses in this major.

Program Learning Outcome:

Upon completion of the Associate of Science in Health Information Technology, the student will be able to:

- Apply the knowledge and skills needed to perform Health Information Technology Associate Degree entry-level competencies as defined by the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) Council for Excellence in Education (CEE).
- Apply the knowledge and skills needed to successfully pass the national Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) exam.
- Compete in the job market in the field of health information technology or enroll in an advanced degree program.
- Demonstrate the ability to work effectively as an individual and collaboratively in a group to resolve health information challenges in a changing healthcare environment.

To Achieve the Associate of Science

Upon completion of graduation requirements and the required degree courses with at least a 'C' grade in each course, the student will be awarded a Health Information Technology Associate of Science degree.

Total Units: 54-59

Prerequisite Coursework

All prerequisite coursework must be completed prior to applying for the Health Information Technology Program. The following prerequisite courses must be completed with a C grade or higher.

Course #	Name	Units
HEIT B60	Human Form & Function <i>or</i>	3.0
BIOL B18	Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology <i>or</i>	4.0
BIOL B32 & B33	Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II <i>and</i>	8.0
MEDS B60	Medical Terminology	3.0
COMP B5	Introduction to Microsoft Office	3.0

Required Program Courses

Semester 1

Course #	Name	Units
HEIT B10	Introduction to Health Information Technology: Hospital Settings	3.0
HEIT B11	Introduction to Health Information Technology: Alternative Settings	3.0
HEIT B12	Pharmacology for the Health Care Professional	3.0
HEIT B13	Human Disease	3.0

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Semester 2

Course #	Name	Units
HEIT B15	Health Statistics	3.0
HEIT B16	Computer Basics for Health Information Technology	3.0
HEIT B20	Basic ICD-CM Coding	4.0

Semester 3

Course #	Name	Units
HEIT B21	Advanced ICD Coding	4.0
HEIT B22	Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Coding	3.0
HEIT B23	Medical Legal Aspects of Health Information	3.0

Semester 4

Course #	Name	Units
HEIT B24	Continuous Quality Improvement	3.0
HEIT B25	Healthcare Reimbursement	3.0
HEIT B26	Supervision for the Allied Health Professional	3.0
HEIT B30	Health Information Technology Directed Practice	4.0