



**HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT)  
SICCM Cooperative Program**

Career Curriculum  
Associate in Applied Science  
Minimum Hrs. 66  
Major Code: 1.2 510707C

**FIRST YEAR – FALL SEMESTER**

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr. H
BIO 101	Biology for Science Majors	4	—
BUS 215	Introduction to Medical Terminology	3	—
CIS 101	Introduction to Computers	3	—
HIT 101	Introduction to Health Information	3	—
MAT 120	Elementary Statistics	3	—
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**SECOND YEAR – FALL SEMESTER**

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr.
ENG 101	English Composition I <sup>1</sup>	3	—
HIT 201	Health Data and Statistics	2	—
HIT 202	Clinical Practicum I	2	—
HIT 203	Management in Health Care	3	—
HIT 204	Coding	5	—
HIT 211	Medico Legal Aspects	2	—
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**FIRST YEAR – SPRING SEMESTER**

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr.
BIO 105	Human Anatomy and Physiology	3	—
BUS 216	Advanced Medical Terminology	3	—
BUS 261	HIT Transcription	3	—
HIT 102	Health Records Systems	3	—
HIT 103	Health Records Systems Lab	1	—
HIT 215	Fundamentals of Medical Science	4	—
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**SECOND YEAR – SPRING SEMESTER**

Dept. No.		Hrs.	Gr.
HIT 210	CPT Coding	3	—
HIT 212	Quality Management	3	—
HIT 213	Clinical Practicum II	2	—
HIT 214	Health Information in Non-Traditional Setting	2	—
ENG 102	English Composition II <sup>1</sup>	3	—
	Elective (Social Science, Math, or Physical Science)	3	—
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<sup>1</sup> Requires a grade of “C” or higher.

\*Prerequisite: BUS 116 or 117. Entering students will be tested for typing proficiency based on a three minute time. Students must type 30 wpm/3 errors allowed. Success on the typing proficiency will replace BUS 116 or 117.

Students must maintain “C” overall average plus “C” or better in HIT 101, 102, 103, 203, 204, and 215.

Students wanting to transfer to SIU-C in Health Care Management must complete ECO 202.

*John A. Logan College reserves the right to modify this curriculum guide as needed.  
Please verify with your academic advisor the accuracy and time lines of this document.*

**Effective Date: Spring, 2006**

**Additional Information:**

The health information technology major in Applied Science is offered at the community colleges through the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (SICCM). Students are admitted from each college (John A. Logan, Rend Lake, Southeastern Illinois, Shawnee Community). Students take general education courses on their own campuses and HIT courses together in a central classroom.

The health information technician possesses both administrative and technical skills necessary to maintain components of health record systems consistent with the medical, administrative, ethical, legal, accreditation, and regulatory requirements of the health care delivery system. The individual plays an important role in ensuring the health care facility receives maximum reimbursement for treatment rendered. Since reimbursement is based on the diagnoses listed in the medical record, this is accomplished by analyzing and coding the medical record accurately.

Health information technicians have traditionally been employed in hospitals. However, with changing health care needs, professionals have chosen careers in physicians’ group practices, managed care groups, home health care, hospices, long-term care, and ambulatory surgery. Additionally, careers in health information management go beyond health care facilities. Professionals work in insurance companies, peer review organizations, accounting firms, consulting companies, law firms, computer equipment companies, prisons, and contracted service agencies.

The SICCM Health Information Technology Program is accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Health Informatics and Information Management (CAHIIM) of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), 233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 2150, Chicago, Illinois 60601-5800, (312) 233-1100, Fax (312) 233-1090. Graduates of the program will qualify to sit for the national certification examination. Successful completion of this exam confers the title of Registered Health Information Technician.

Retention in the HIT program requires that the HIT student earn a grade of "C" or better in specific HIT courses. These courses include the following:

HIT 101 Introduction to Health Information  
HIT 102 and 103 Health Records Systems and Lab  
HIT 204 Coding  
HIT 203 Management in Health Care  
HIT 215 Fundamentals of Medical Science

Grades of "D", "E", or "F" are considered failing. If a student fails any one of the above courses, the course must be repeated with a passing grade ("A", "B", or "C"). HIT courses are only offered once a year, so the student will have to wait to take courses until a prerequisite course has been completed with a passing grade. All courses must be taken in sequence as specified by course prerequisites unless permission is granted by the program director.

The applicant should contact the Admissions Office of the College and request an admissions packet to the Health Information Technology Program. The steps to be followed are specified in the packet.

**Career Opportunities:** Employment in hospitals, physicians' group practices, managed care groups, home health care, hospices, long-term care, and ambulatory surgery, employment with insurance companies, peer review organizations, accounting firms, consulting companies, law firms, computer equipment companies, prisons, and contracted service agencies.