



HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY*
SICCM Cooperative Degree Program

Career Curriculum HIT 0076
 Associate in Applied Science
 Minimum Hrs. 68
 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 ¹	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	___
HIT 216	Reimbursement Management	2	___
SPE 115	Speech	3	___
	Elective ²	3	___
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* Retention in the HIT program requires that the HIT student earn a grade of “C” or better in all HIT classes and maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 (“C”) or better. If a student fails any one of the HIT 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.

Program prerequisite: BUS 116 or 117. Entering students will be tested for typing proficiency based on a three-minute timing. Students must type 30 wpm/3 errors allowed. Success on the typing proficiency will replace BUS 116 or 117.

Students planning to transfer to SIU-C in Health Care Management must complete ECO 202. This course would satisfy the required elective.

¹ Requires a grade of “C” or higher.

² Elective (Humanities/Fine Arts OR Social/Behavioral Sciences) must be an IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) approved course.

The minimum general education component for the Associate in Applied Science degree requires satisfactory completion of at least 15 semester credits of coursework distributed over the disciplines of Communications, Mathematics, Arts and Humanities, Physical and Life Sciences, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. The curriculum guide for each Associate in Applied Science degree program will spell out the course requirements or options available for satisfying the general education component. With appropriate justification and in consultation with your academic advisor, a request to substitute a course for one recommended in this guide may be granted with the appropriate approvals from the Department Chair, Dean for Instruction and Vice-President for Instruction. However, no substitutions are allowed in Groups I-III (General Education Component; GECC) of the curriculum guide (see the Associate in Applied Science general degree requirements worksheet in the John A. Logan College Catalog).

Students planning to transfer and pursue a baccalaureate degree should, when given a choice, enroll in the general education course that is IAI GECC approved and articulated with participating Illinois institutions.

*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: Fall 2011

Additional Information:

The applicant should contact the Assessment 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.

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.

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.