

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Spring 2009
[2009*01]

Curriculum Program Title
Concentration

Cancer Information Management
(not applicable)

Code **A45130**

Curriculum Description

The Cancer Information Management curriculum is designed to provide individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to maintain a cancer data collection system that is consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal and accreditation requirements.

Students will analyze health records according to standards set by various agencies, compile, maintain, monitor, and report cancer data for research, quality management, facility planning and marketing; abstract and code clinical data; and obtain survival data through yearly follow-up.

Graduates may be eligible to take the national certifying examination given by the National Cancer Registrars Association to become a Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR). Employment opportunities include health care facilities, data organizations, and government agencies.

*Curriculum Requirements**

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

