

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2021
[2021*03]

Curriculum Program Title

Health Information Technology

Program
Code

A45360

Concentration

(not applicable)

CIP Code

51.0707

Curriculum Description

The Health Information Technology Curriculum is designed to provide individuals with the technical knowledge and skills to process, analyze, maintain, and report health information data in compliance with legal, accreditation, licensure and certification standards.

Course work includes diagnosis and procedure coding/classification systems, privacy and security strategies, health informatics, data analytics and use, revenue cycle management, regulatory compliance, and organizational leadership.

Graduates of this program may be eligible to write the national certification exam to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes, health insurance organizations, outpatient clinics, physicians' offices, hospice, and mental health facilities.

Curriculum Requirements*

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

- 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-based learning 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.*

Major Hours

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (if applicable). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning 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.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE <i>Courses required for the diploma are designated with *</i> REQUIRED COURSES: HIT 110 Introduction to Healthcare and HIM 3 SHC * HIT 112 Health Law and Ethics 3 SHC * HIT 114 Health Data Sys/Standards 3 SHC * HIT 211 Diagnosis Coding & Reporting 3 SHC * HIT 213 INPT Procedure Coding & Reporting 2 SHC * HIT 214 OP Procedure Coding & Reporting 2 SHC HIT 215 Revenue Cycle Management 2 SHC HIT 217 Quality & Data Analysis 3 SHC HIT 218 Management Principles in HIT 3 SHC * HIT 226 Pathophysiology & Pharmacology 3 SHC HIT 280 HIM Capstone 2 SHC REQUIRED SUBJECT AREAS: Medical Terminology Select One Set: <u>Set 1:</u> * MED 121 Medical Terminology I 3 SHC & * MED 122 Medical Terminology II 3 SHC <u>Set 2:</u> OST 141 Med Office Terms I 3 SHC & OST 142 Med Office Terms II 3 SHC	41-49 SHC	25 SHC	

<p>Anatomy & Physiology Select One Set: <u>Set 1:</u> BIO 163 Basic Anatomy & Physiology or 5 SHC</p> <p><u>Set 2:</u> BIO 165 Anatomy & Physiology I 4 SHC BIO 166 Anatomy & Physiology II 4 SHC</p> <p><u>Set 3:</u> BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I 4 SHC BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II 4 SHC</p> <p>Professional Practice Experience Select 1-6 SHC: HIT 122 Professional Practice Experience I 1 SHC * HIT 124 Professional Practice Experience II 1 SHC * HIT 222 Professional Practice Experience III 2 SHC HIT 224 Professional Practice Experience IV 2 SHC</p>			
<p>B. CONCENTRATION (<i>Not applicable</i>)</p>			
<p>C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i></p> <p>BIO, BUS, CIS, CSC, CTS, DBA, HIT, HSC, MED, OST, SEC, and WBL</p> <p><i>Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.</i></p> <p><i>Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA.</i></p>			