Health Information Technology Program Receives CAHIIM Accreditation – Associate Degree Emphasizes Business of Healthcare

Jefferson College’s Health Information Management (HIT) program has achieved national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

CAHIIM accreditation marks a major milestone for both Jefferson College and its students, allowing degree seekers to hold a distinct confidence in the associate degree they possess. Graduates are prepared for careers in a variety of business-related healthcare settings including hospitals, clinics, specialty practices, managed care organizations, long-term facilities, and health insurance and health systems.

The accreditation comes at a time of significant growth in the healthcare industry as the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that jobs in healthcare information technology are expected to grow 21 percent through 2020. Jefferson College has achieved its goal of equipping HIT graduates with the tools necessary for professional success in today’s marketplace and a degree that meets industry standards for quality and innovation.

“We are extremely proud and excited to announce that Jefferson College’s Health Information Technology program has met national standards for successfully preparing our students to both work and excel in the HIT field,” said Health Occupations Division Chair Kenny Wilson. “Program accreditation by CAHIIM is necessary for graduates to be eligible for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) certification exam, a highly respected credential in the healthcare industry that if earned, can position them as a leader in the health information community.”

The accreditation provides certification eligibility and increased job marketability for graduates and demonstrates that Jefferson College is providing the highest-quality education possible for its HIT students.

To receive accreditation, academic programs undergo a rigorous process of voluntary peer review and must meet the minimum accreditation standards set by the organization.

Completing a CAHIIM-accredited program allows Jefferson College HIT graduates to sit for the national Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) credential examination, giving them a distinct competitive advantage in today’s job market, allowing them to increase their employment and career opportunities as a result of holding a degree from an industry recognized institution.
Health Information Management Program at Jefferson College

The two-year Health Information Technology program prepares students to further their career as a manager of health information systems in a broad range of healthcare settings. Graduates of the program receive an Associate of Applied Science degree. Class sizes are small and courses are taught by experienced professionals in the industry.

Health Information Technology (HIT) is the practice of acquiring, analyzing and protecting electronic as well as paper medical information used in providing patient care. HIT professionals are highly trained in the latest information technology applications and are essential in the management of health information and electronic health records throughout their healthcare organization.

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Health information management professionals work in a variety of settings and hold many job titles. They often serve in bridge roles that connect clinical, operational and administrative functions. In these roles, HIT professionals affect the quality of patient information and patient care in the healthcare delivery cycle. HIT professionals ensure organizations have the correct information when and where it is needed while maintaining the highest standards of data integrity, confidentiality and security.

“We are thrilled to receive this accreditation for our Health Information Technology program and are very excited about the opportunities for our graduates in one of the country’s fastest growing and most in demand fields,” said Health Information Technology Program Director Niki Vogelsang. “By acquiring an industry standard accreditation, area employers can feel certain about hiring Jefferson College graduates, knowing that our students will contribute from the moment they begin as a result of their high quality education.”

To learn more about opportunities for training and acceptance into the Health Information Technology program this fall, visit our website or call Program Director Niki Vogelsang at (636) 481-3419.

Dean’s List Announced for Spring 2016

Now that’s smart! A group of 660 students were recently named to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2016 semester. The full list can be viewed online.

To qualify for the academic honor, full-time students must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) in at least 12 credit hours taken that semester. Part-time students who accumulate 12 or more credit hours with a 3.25 grade point average also qualify and must contact the Vice President of Student Services Office within 10 days of grade reporting to be included.
Congratulations to those who recently graduated from the day and evening Level II Registered Nursing (RN) program. The class of 2015-16 included 53 individuals from throughout the region who completed the program and are now ready to begin their professional careers or continue their education by earning their BSN.

In the bi-level program, those who complete one year of training receive a career education certificate and may become a licensed practical nurse (LPN) after successfully completing the state board examination. Students who complete the second year of the program receive an Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to take the state licensing exam for registered nurses.

Hallmarks of the longstanding program include a relevant, industry-focused curriculum; tremendous clinical practicum experiences at sites throughout the region; state-of-the-art patient simulation labs; and individualized academic and personal support services. The program also offers flexible advancement from PN to RN to BSN thanks to Jefferson College’s educational partnership with Central Methodist University.
MoSTEMWINs Grant - Tuition Waived for Qualified Applicants Who Pursue Electronics Technology Certificate

For anyone who may be thinking about attending college this fall to train for an in-demand career, applications are still being accepted for the Electronics Technology Certificate (ETC) program as part of the MoSTEMWINs grant related to high-demand fields in science, technology, engineering, and math.

For individuals who qualify, the College will waive all tuition costs other than lab fees, developmental courses, books, or supplies.

The MoSTEMWINs ETC program is open to anyone who is a Missouri veteran, is eligible for Trade Act assistance, is unemployed or underemployed, or who has low skills in reading, math or writing.

“Manufacturing, healthcare, and industry are driven by electronics technology,” said Business and Technical Education Division Chair Chris DeGeare. “The maintenance and repair of these critical systems require skilled technicians. Jefferson College is providing a way to gain those skills quickly, while keeping costs to a minimum.”

The Electronics Technology Certificate is an integral part of the College’s initiative to provide multiple exit points and career pathways for students within the Electronics Technology program of study. It prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to assemble, install, operate, maintain, and repair electrical/electronic equipment used in industry and manufacturing. Students are provided instruction in installing, maintaining and testing various types of equipment.

The fast-track program will be taught on the Hillsboro campus and will include several industry recognized credentials, including ETA International DC Basics Certification, ETA International AC Basics Certification, ETA International Analog Basics Certification, and ACT National Career Readiness Certificate. All courses apply directly to an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electronics Technology.

The $19.7 million MoSTEMWINs grant was awarded through the U.S. Department of Labor’s Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grant program and is targeted at adult learners who have lost jobs because of the impact of foreign trade or other negative economic trends. Missouri’s consortium of community colleges chose to focus on STEM jobs because of those jobs’ importance to the state’s strategic plan for economic growth and positive long-term employment prospects.

For information about the grant-funded career training program, potential participants can contact ETC Navigator Melissa Schall Willmore at (636) 481-3224 to verify eligibility. Following verification, applicants are required to complete the College’s admissions process and a short essay. Applications must be submitted to the Missouri Career Center by August 4.

This initiative is 100% funded by the MoSTEMWINs $19.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (TAACCCT). The product was created by the grantee and does not necessarily reflect the official position of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Labor makes no guarantees, warranties or assurances of any kind, express or implied, with respect to such information, including any information on linked sites and including, but not limited to, accuracy of the information or its completeness, timeliness, usefulness, adequacy, continued availability, or ownership.
Former St. Louis Cardinals Pitcher Andy Benes Among Those to Participate in Baseball Alumni & Friends Golf Outing

Thank you to everyone who recently participated in the first annual Baseball Alumni & Friends Golf Outing at Fox Run Golf Club, including former St. Louis Cardinals all-star pitcher Andy Benes who dropped by to play in the four-person scramble.

The College, Athletics Department and Foundation are extremely grateful for the generous support of this year’s sponsors and participants. Highlighted by several former players and coaches, along with a sizeable group of friends and supporters of the Viking Baseball program, the event was a resounding success. Funds raised will be used for continued facility improvements and upgrades to the Baseball program.

The event was organized via the Jefferson College Foundation by Athletics Director Greg McVey and Head Baseball Coach Patrick Evers.

To see more photos from the day, visit the Jefferson College Go Jeffco Facebook page.
Faculty and Staff Compassion Shines Brightly to Aid Unfortunate Student

Going above and beyond because they care…the College’s Library staff and Director Lisa Pritchard, in addition to Deb Shores, Dr. Andrea St. John, and Skyler Ross, recently showed a great amount of compassion when they assisted student Jordan Francis, whose house burnt to the ground just two weeks before finals. Dr. St. John worked with Jordan on assignments and extended a deadline; she also gave her a card that had money tucked in it, despite Jordan’s protests to accept it. Deb Shores helped Jordan apply for an emergency scholarship and provided her with toiletries and offered access to the student closet. Deb worked with Jordan’s professors and was able to get an extra textbook for her to help complete the last two weeks of the semester. Skyler Ross loaned Jordan a graphing calculator and met with her to help study for the last test and the final examination in her Intermediate Algebra course. Lisa Pritchard waived the charges for Jordan’s two library books. The Library staff personally bought books, cooking utensils, pans, towels, laundry soap, and other household items for Jordan’s family.

Jordan wrote, “…It is difficult to put the overwhelming appreciation I have for Jefferson College into words—and I’m an English major. I have thanked each of these amazing people in person, but I wanted to take things a step further and hope that these individuals get recognized for their compassion, kindness, and bright hearts. My heart was certainly warmed by my Jeffco family. I eagerly await my next semester at Jefferson College.”

College’s Excellence Is Measured Through Its Employees

Communication and Theatre Professor Dr. Rebecca Ellison and her students, along with Student Services staff, Coach Pat Evers, and the Baseball team recently hosted the Kingston Elementary third grade class. “We were granted permission to take our very first field trip this year, so we tried to plan something that the kids would enjoy, be inspired by, and learn from! We thought Jefferson College would be a perfect place to visit,” said Teacher Stacy King. She noted they did an amazing job keeping the students engaged and excited, saying the students were talking about the field trip days after. Also, parents noted on social media about how talented, creative, and just plain awesome Jefferson College staff and students were to the students.

Engineering/Physics Instructor Dr. Robert (Bob) Brazzle, who also plays trumpet in the College’s jazz ensembles, was one of eight individuals from Jefferson College to receive Outstanding Musicianship awards during the recent Greater St. Louis Jazz Festival at UMSL. Additionally, Music Associate Professor Dr. Joel Vanderheyden performed on alto sax with the Maynard Ferguson All-Star Big Band during the festival.

Adjunct Music Instructor Joe Pastor’s composition, “The Realm Between,” was recently performed in a collaborative cabaret concert production between the UMSL Music Department and the Modern American Dance Company (MADCO) at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

Library Director Lisa Pritchard has been asked to contribute a chapter for a book about government information that will be published by the American Library Association. The chapter focuses on community engagement and federal depository libraries, with a working title “An Eagle, a Cupcake, and a War: Promoting Government Information One Patron at a Time.”
June Report

All monthly agenda items and supporting materials are posted online via the BoardDocs site accessible through the Jefferson College website homepage at jeffco.edu clicking on “Welcome” > “About Jefferson College” > “Board of Trustees” links.

June agenda items approved:

- Consent Agenda Items (Minutes, Financial Statements, Faculty Load, and Curriculum Matters)
- Budget Assumptions FY2017
- Renewal of Blackboard Agreement
- Award of Contract - Exterior and Interior Painting
- Award of Contract - Parking Lot Sealing and Striping
- Viking Woods Bathtub Remodel
- Reappointment - Head Coaches (Tony Cook, Ricardo Garza, and Steve Jarvis)
- Appointment - Automotive Technology Faculty (Bradley Berrey)
- Appointment - Music Faculty (Elke Overton)
- Appointment - Culinary Arts Faculty (Garrett Miller)
- Appointment - Nursing Clinical Coordinator (Jamie Schneider)
- Appointment - Vice President of Student Services (Dr. Kimberly Harvey)
- BAT-FAT Final Agreement

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates/Times

July 14 – 8 a.m.
August 11 – 5:30 p.m.
September 8 – 5:30p.m.
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29th Annual Viking Classic Golf Tournament

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
Fox Run Golf Club
Eureka, MO

Save the Date!
More details to follow!
If you’re interested in being a sponsor or have questions, please call (636) 481-3104 or 797-3000, ext. 3104
Shocktober Monster Dash

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29
Jefferson College Hillsboro Campus • 1000 Viking Drive, Hillsboro, MO 63050

START TIME
5K Fun Run 9:00 AM
1 Mile Walk 9:00 AM

ENTRY FEES
Through 10/14: $25
10/14 & After: $30

Overall top male & female, and awards for the top three in each age group for male & female
Age groups are: 19 & under / 20-24 / 25-29 / 30-34 / 35-39 / 40-44 / 45-49 / 50-54 / 55-59 / 60+

Awards

T-shirts

To first 300 participants who register by October 14 (Sizes S, M, L, XXL / Youth sizes 6-8 & 10-12)

Packet Pick-Up

Friday, October 28 from 8am-7pm in the Jefferson College Field House Lobby or 8 am on race day

Register

Online at www.jeffco.edu/foundation

Contact

(636) 481-3391 or 797-3000, ext. 3391
mself@jeffco.edu

Wavier Release of Liability: I

IN CONSIDERATION for being permitted to participate in the Jefferson College Hillsboro MO “Monster Dash” THE UNDERSIGNED: HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SU: (1) the Viking Venture & The Community College District of Jefferson County, and their officials, employees, members, officers, ... in the Event, (2) promoters, sponsors, advertisers for the Event, (3) Owners or lessees of premises used to conduct the Event and each of them, their officials and employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as “Released Parties”), ... his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin for any and all property damage, bodily injury or death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the Released Parties or otherwise while the undersigned is participation in the Event. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Released parties and each of them from any loss, damage, or cost (including attorney’s fees) they may incur due to the presence or ... in the Event and whether caused by the negligence, gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the Released Parties or otherwise. THE UNDERSIGNED further agrees to uphold and comply with all rules and regulations posted by the, The ... of Jefferson County during the Event and agrees to pay for damages to college property caused by the undersigned. THE UNDERSIGNED further agrees that he or she will not participate in the Event while under the influence of alcohol or ... THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Missouri and that if any portion thereof is held valid, ... the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made. THE UNDERSIGNED ALSO AGREES TO release the use of any photos, slides, videotapes, etc. That might contain the UNDERSIGNED for future use in promotional and/or information activities as deemed appropriate by any of the releases.

SIGNATURE: ________________________________________________________________________ DATE:___________________________________

(or parent/guardian signature if participant is under 18)

Event (check one)

r 5K
r 1 Mile Walk

Age (on race day) ___________

r Male
r Female

Name _____________________________________________________________________________
First                                                                                                                            Last

Address ___________________________________________________________________________
City                                                     State                       Zip

Email ________________________________
Phone (____________) ________________________________

T-shirt Size: S      M      L      XL      XXL      Youth 6-8      Youth 10-12

(T-shirts are guaranteed if registered by October 14th)

(Please make checks payable to “Jefferson College Foundation”)

Mail this form with payment to:
Jefferson College Foundation
1000 Viking Drive
Hillsboro, MO 63050

Registration Form

You can also register online at www.jeffco.edu/foundation

ANYONE IN COSTUME WILL BE ENTERED INTO A PRIZE DRAWING!

9/11 Never Forget MOBILE EXHIBIT

OCTOBER 4 – 6
JEFFERSON COLLEGE ARNOLD

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### July 2016

#### Board of Trustees Meeting
- **8 AM**
- Administration Board Room

#### CAMP VIKING
- **Mon – Thurs, July 18 – 21 / 8:30 AM**
- Mon. – "Famous Painters"
- Wed. – "It's a Mystery"
- Tues. – "Superheroes"
- Thurs. – "STEM"

#### Back-to-School Fair
- **9:30 AM**
- Field House - Gym

#### STEM Camp
- **Monday – Thursday, July 25–28, 8:30 AM**