

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CERTIFICATE OPTION –

THE BUSINESS SIDE OF HEALTHCARE!

OVERVIEW

The one-year Health Information Technology (HIT) certificate is dedicated to producing competent health care professionals. The HIT curriculum includes general education courses, introduction to health information technology, medical terminology, legal aspects of health care, and electronic health records. All HIT students must achieve a “C” or better in all HIT classes to advance through the program and be eligible for graduation.

CAREER OUTLOOK

Employment of medical records and health information technicians is expected to increase by 11 percent, much faster than the average for all occupations through 2028. Employment growth will result from the increase in the number of medical tests, treatments, and procedures that will be performed in healthcare facilities. As the population continues to age, the occurrence of health-related problems will increase. In addition, with the increasing use of electronic health records, more technicians will be needed to complete the new responsibilities associated with electronic data management.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES/ SALARY

Individuals who complete the HIT Certificate will be eligible to obtain front office jobs in hospitals, physician offices, clinics, and other healthcare facilities. Salaries for full time employees range between \$29,000-\$39,000.

CERTIFICATION

Students who complete the courses included in the HIT Certificate are eligible to sit for the CMAA (Certified Medical Administrative Assistant) credential.



FULLY ONLINE PROGRAM!

Jefferson College Health Information Technology (HIT) Certificate Courses

Fall Semester		Hours
COL100	Freshman Seminar	1
HIT100	Introduction to Health Information Technology	3
HIT122	Medical Terminology	3
HIT130	Legal & Ethical Issues in Healthcare	3
Spring Semester		
HIT220	Electronic Health Systems	3
CIS125	Computer Concepts and Applications	3
TOTAL HOURS		16
DRUG SCREEN & BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED		

TRANSFER INFORMATION

Students who complete a one year HIT Certificate are eligible to enter directly into the two year HIT Associate of Applied Science Degree at the college maintaining the credits they have already completed.

The two year HIT Program has transfer agreements set up with Missouri Baptist University, Central Methodist University and Stephens College. This will provide students the opportunity to continue on and earn a Bachelor’s Degree in Healthcare Management.

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*Employment information from: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-records-and-health-information-technicians.htm>

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