%nABOUT THIS DEGREE PROGRAM%n

As the Healthcare systems strives to provide more efficient and effective care, electronic recording and access to patient information has become a major industry goal. Our curriculum is based on current associate degree entry-level competencies outlined by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). You can learn how to capture digital health information using current coding and chart management software and you also have the opportunity to get hands-on, real world experience during two practicums.

% General Education Coursework: 
- Communication Skills
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Personal and Professional Development
- Social Sciences

% GENERAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK %

At DeVry University, we believe in the value of a comprehensive education. This means broadening your knowledge and skill sets beyond the area of your degree program, to prepare you to succeed in today’s diverse and evolving workplace.

From day one, you can learn important analytical and communication skills, such as problem solving, reasoning and analysis, academic and professional writing, and mathematics and statistics skills. These skills can better equip you to work across cultures and understand a wide range of concepts that influence your area of study.

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% CORE-DEGREE COURSEWORK %

BIOS-105  Fundamentals of Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab
BIOS-260  Fundamentals of Pathophysiology
BIOS-275  Pharmacology and Medical Treatment
BIS-155  Data Analysis with Spreadsheets with Lab
COMP-100  Computer Applications for Business with Lab

all of these courses

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The Health Information Technology associate degree program at DeVry University is accredited online, and at several onsite locations (see academic catalog for locations), by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). The most recent information on the status of CAHIIM accreditation of a location’s program is available from the location and at www.devry.edu.

Graduating from a CAHIIM-accredited program offers employers assurance that you have the expected professional knowledge and skills and have experienced a curriculum that is relevant to today's electronic health record environment. Completion of a CAHIIM-accredited program is an eligibility requirement for graduates to take the AHIMA professional HIM Certification Exam.

Note: DeVry’s academic catalog, available via www.devry.edu/uscatalog, contains the most current and detailed program information, including graduation requirements.
CAREERS IN HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In addition to making sure that medical records are complete and accurate, health information technicians must ensure that all records are maintained in accordance with the law. Technical knowledge of health and systems must be combined with data entry and retrieval, admission and discharge functions and the ability to process and prepare necessary insurance and audit forms.

With an associate degree in Health Information Technology from DeVry University, you can have not only the procedural and regulatory knowledge, but also a strong technical background. By acquiring this knowledge, you can be prepared to modify and recommend medical records technology solutions in your area of employment.

Graduates of DeVry University's Associate in Health Information Technology degree program may consider careers including:

- Compliance Officer
- Healthcare Data Analyst
- Medical Coding Specialist

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of medical records and health information technicians is expected to grow by 22 percent from 2012-2022, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. According to its Occupational Outlook Handbook, “technicians with a strong understanding of technology and computer software will be in particularly high demand.”


DeVry University, on the Internet at www.devry.edu/degree-programs/college-health-sciences/health-information-technology-about.jsp.

1**NET Online, Medical Records and Health Information Technicians, on the Internet at http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2071.00 (visited Feb 15, 2014).

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY² — Learn medical terminology, including the foundations of words used to describe the human body and its conditions, terminology for medical procedures, the names of commonly prescribed medications and common abbreviations.

HEALTH SERVICES AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS² — Explore the history and organization of, and current issues in, the U.S. healthcare delivery system, including interrelationships among system components and care providers.

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES CODING² — Study the principles and guidelines for using the International Classification of Diseases system to code diagnoses and procedures in an inpatient setting.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY ISSUES IN HEALTH INFORMATION² — Examine legal and regulatory issues in healthcare, with an emphasis on their application to healthcare information services and the documentation of care.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT² — Explore reimbursement and payment methodologies applicable to healthcare provided in various U.S. settings as it relates to relevant forms, processes, practices and the roles of health information professionals.

PROCESS INFORMATION² — Compile codes, categories, calculations, tabulations and audits, or verify information or data.

DOCUMENT/RECORD INFORMATION² — Enter, transcribe, store or maintain information in written or electronic form.

EVALUATE INFORMATION² — Use relevant information and individual judgment to determine whether events or processes comply with laws, regulations or standards.

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