

# Health Information Technology



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*Health Information Management (HIM) encompasses the use of existing records and information in the treatment of patients, as well as the updating and storage of that information in a secure environment. Analysis of information may also be a key role in some employment situations. Currently HIM professionals work in 40 different settings under 125 different job titles. They often facilitate communication between clinical, operational and administrative functions within the practice, hospital or company.*

- **Clinical Coding Specialist**
- **Insurance Claim Analyst**
- **Health Data Analyst**
- **Records Technician**
- **Patient Information Coordinator**

## **Where You Could Go**

Health Information Technology is a pathway with credentials that expand as your education progresses. Students who complete the first five quarters of coursework, may take the national exam to receive a Certified Coding Associated (CCA) credential. Many students begin working as a CCA while continuing their work toward their associate degree. When they receive their associate degree, they may become a Registered Health Information Technician (after successfully completing the RHIT Certification Examination).

Transfer opportunities exist to continue toward a bachelor's degree. Students with a bachelor's degree will be eligible to take the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) certification exam.

## **What You Could Earn**

There are a number of job opportunities for people with Health Information Technology credentials. While many graduates are employed in hospitals, many doctor's offices employ technicians to maintain and manage their records. Still others find employment with health insurance companies. Job descriptions and salary ranges vary by position, type of employer and geographic area. The Bureau of Labor statistics lists starting salaries for HIT graduates with an associate degree at \$20,000 to \$30,000.

## **Career Outlook**

Job demand is predicted to increase in the future as the standardization, availability and security of medical records continues to expand.

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