

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Description

- Practice of acquiring, analyzing, and protecting digital and traditional medical information vital to providing quality patient care. It is a combination of business, science, and information technology.

Education Required

- Associates – 2 yrs
- Bachelors – 4 yrs
- Masters – 6 yrs

Salary

- \$49,000

Area College Options

- Sullivan, WKU, Ashland CTC, Big Sandy CTC, Bluegrass CTC, Southcentral CTC, Elizabethtown CTC, Gateway CTC, Hazard CTC, Hopkinsville CTC, Jefferson CTC, Madisonville CTC, Maysville CTC, Owensboro CTC, Somerset CTC, West KY CTC

Resources

- Ahima.org American Health Information Management Association

Certifications



Health Information Management

RHIA

- **Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA)**
- Expert in managing patient health information and medical records, administering computer information systems, collecting and analyzing patient data, and using classification systems and medical terminologies

RHIT

- **Registered Health Information Technologist (RHIT)**
- Ensure the quality of medical records by verifying their completeness, accuracy, and proper entry into computer systems. They may also use computer applications to assemble and analyze patient data to improve patient care or control costs. RHITs often specialize in coding diagnoses and procedures in patient records for reimbursement and research.

Certifications



Coding/Billing

CCA

- **The Certified Coding Associate (CCA)**

- Distinguishes coders by exhibiting commitment and demonstrating coding competencies across all settings, including both hospitals and physician practices.

CCS

- **Certified Coding Specialists, (CCS)**

- Are mastery-level professionals skilled in classifying medical data from patient records, generally in the hospital setting.

CCS-P

- **Certified Coding Specialist-Physician-Based (CCS-P)**

- A mastery-level coding practitioner with expertise in physician-based settings such as physician offices, group practices, multi-specialty clinics, or specialty centers.

Certifications



Specialty Certificates

CHDA

- **Certified Health Data Analyst, (CHDA)**

- Demonstrate expertise in health data analysis and the knowledge to acquire, manage, analyze, interpret, and transform data into accurate, consistent, and timely information, while balancing the "big picture" strategic vision with day-to-day details.

CHPS

- **Certified Healthcare Privacy and Security (CHPS)**

- Only combined privacy and security certification available in the healthcare industry. CHPS denotes competence in designing, implementing, and administering comprehensive privacy and security protection programs in all types of healthcare organizations.

CDIP

- **Certified Documentation Improvement Practitioner (CDIP)**

- Focused on document improvement to ensure that the correct information is being captured on medical forms and through the electronic medical record to help with data analysis and research projects.