

# GET STARTED ON AN IN-DEMAND CAREER.

## HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### Associate of Applied Science

If you have a passion for enhancing healthcare but prefer to not work in patient care, a career in Health Information Technology might be an appealing option. Health Information Technology is a combination of medical science, business and information technology. It is the framework used to manage health information and the exchange of health information in a digital format.

Health Information Technicians play a vital role behind the scenes in modern medical care. While many patients may not see us, we are integral to ensuring their medical journey remains relevant and protected. HIT professionals analyze patient data to help manage healthcare costs and enhance patient care. These healthcare professionals are responsible for maintaining the privacy and security of patient information, ensuring its accuracy and completeness in healthcare systems. We are the link between patients, clinicians, and administrators.

The need for credentialed HIT professionals is expected to increase 13.6% by 2026.

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES

The skills acquired through the Health Information Technology Program, as well as successful certification, qualify graduates for positions in:

- Hospitals
- Managed care organizations
- Long term care facilities
- Behavioral health facilities
- Consulting and law firms
- Information system vendors
- Ambulatory care facilities
- Rehabilitation centers
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Home care providers
- Hospice
- Government agencies
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Physician practices
- Insurance companies

#### SALARY

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Association website states that the median income for a health information technologist is \$35,000 - \$58,250 depending on position, years of experience, degree of education, geographic location, and setting.

#### LOCATION

Toledo-area Campus

#### SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS

Acceptance into this program is selective. Please see an advisor to answer your selective admissions questions.

#### EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE!

Additional opportunities, such as employment in the areas of clinical supervision, education, administration and business, may be available for those who have earned a bachelor's degree. Owens Community College has articulation agreements with Franklin University, The Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati and University of Toledo. Appointments can be scheduled with advisors from these institutions by calling (567) 661-7777.

#### ACCREDITATION



The Health Information Management/Health Informatics program accreditor of Owens State Community College is the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

The College's accreditation for Associate degree in Health Information

Management/Health Informatics has been reaffirmed through 2027. All inquiries about the program's accreditation status should be directed by mail to CAHIIM, 200 East Randolph Street, Suite 5100, Chicago, IL, 60601; by phone at (312) 235-3255; or by email at [info@cahiim.org](mailto:info@cahiim.org).

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# PROGRAM CURRICULUM

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### REQUIRED COURSES

\*The Age of Coursework for all Health Information Technology (HIT) courses except for HIT 125 is 3 years - chair approval required for courses beyond that. Please refer to College Policy, Chapter 2 - Academic, 3358:11-2-22 Age of Coursework Policy.

#### 1ST SEMESTER (FALL)

HIT 102	Hlth Info Mgmt & Applications	Credits: 4(Lec: 3 Lab: 3)
HIT 125	Language of Medicine	Credits: 3(Lec: 3)
HIT 131	Pathopharmacology for HIT	Credits: 3(Lec: 3)
BIO 211	Anatomy and Physiology I*	Credits: 4(Lec: 3 Lab: 3)
IST 131	Computer Concepts and Apps	Credits: 3(Lec: 3)

#### 2ND SEMESTER (SPRING)

HIT 233	Clin Classification Syst I	Credits: 5(Lec: 4 Lab: 3)
BIO 212	Anatomy and Physiology II*	Credits: 4(Lec: 3 Lab: 3)
ENG 111	Composition I*	Credits: 3(Lec: 3)
MTH 213	Introductory Statistics*	Credits: 3(Lec: 3)
IST 132	Data Mgmt Using Excel & Access	Credits: 3(Lec: 3)

#### 3RD SEMESTER (FALL)

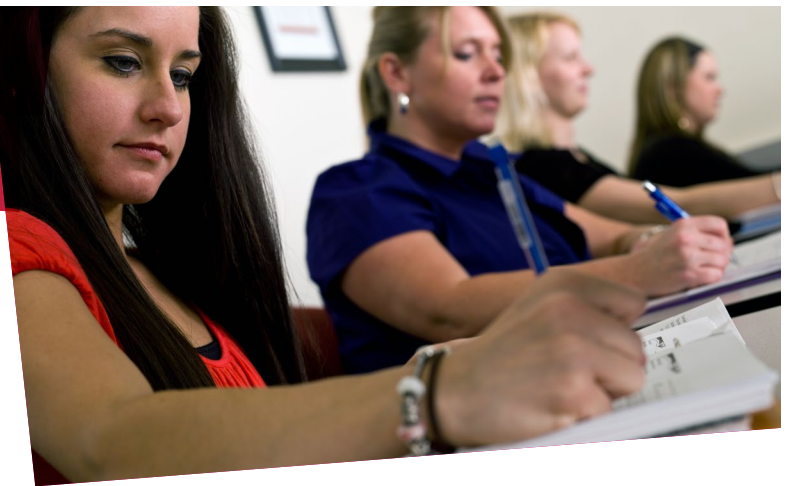
HIT 223	Legal Concepts in Health Care	Credits: 2(Lec: 2)
HIT 232	Ancillary Health Records	Credits: 2(Lec: 2)
HIT 235	Healthcare Stats & Registries	Credits: 2(Lec: 2)
HIT 241	Clin Classification Syst II	Credits: 3(Lec: 2 Lab: 3)
HIT 242	Healthcare Quality Improvement	Credits: 2(Lec: 2)
HIT 226	HIT Database Management	Credits: 2(Lec: 2)
PHL 102	Principles of Ethics	Credits: 3(Lec: 3)

#### 4TH SEMESTER (SPRING)

HIT 234	Professional Practice Exper	Credits: 1(Lec: .5 Practicum: 2.5)
HIT 237	Health Care Information System	Credits: 2(Lec: 2)
HIT 243	Reimbursement Methodologies	Credits: 2(Lec: 2)
HIT 246	Management of Health Info Svcs	Credits: 2(Lec: 2)
HIT 248	Clin Classification Sys III	Credits: 4(Lec: 3 Lab: 3)
HIT 296	HIT Capstone	Credits: 2(Lec: 2)

\*Ohio Transfer Module Course

More information about the Ohio Transfer Module Course can be found at [www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/transfermodule](http://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/transfermodule)



### STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

I'm so pleased with the education I received at Owens. The HIT program is taught by amazing instructors who are also professionals in the field. Their dedication to the success of the students is evident. The coursework and professional practice experiences were instrumental in preparing me to sit for and pass my certification exam, and they also provided me with a solid foundation towards building my career in this dynamic industry.  
*Bryan Smith, RHIT, Class of 2017*

### EMPLOYER TESTIMONIALS

We have partnered with Owens Community College HIT program as one of their professional practice experience sites for well over five years. It has been a very successful partnership. The students in the HIT program at are always well prepared, attentive to detail, and eager to learn all the various opportunities within our field. In fact, five of our six Coders with their RHIT certification are all Owens Community College alumni. Owens is sincerely committed to graduating successful professionals into our Health Information community.  
*Deb Curry, MBA, RHIA, CCS-P, CRC  
Paramount, Manager, Risk Adjustment*

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