

**Program Information**

The Anoka Technical College Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Health Information Technology (HIT) is a 60-credit program that prepares students for a career working in health care and settings where health information is utilized. A student graduating with an HIT degree is well prepared to assume an entry-level position in this professional field.

Successful graduates are prepared to demonstrate:

- Essential professional and technical knowledge
- Skills and competencies fundamental to the health information management profession.
- Effective written and oral communication skills.
- Problem solving, teamwork, and critical thinking skills.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

1. Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to sit for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) exam.
2. Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to work in a hospital/healthcare setting beginning as an entry-level supervisor.
3. Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to sit for a number of coding credentials, such as the CCA, CCS, CCS-P, CPC, CPC-H.
4. Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to work in a hospital, clinic, public health facility, insurance company, or related facility.
5. Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to deal with confidential patient information and work in the area of release of information.
6. Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to transfer to a four-year degree program in Health Information Management.
7. Successful completion of the degree will allow the student to further their career path by continuing their education in Tumor Registry.

**Accreditation**

The Health Information Technology degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Only graduates of a program accredited by CAHIM are eligible to sit for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) exam.

**Course Prerequisites**

Some courses may require appropriate test score or completion of basic math, basic English and/or reading courses with a “C” or better.

**Background Study**

Minnesota Law requires that any person who provides services that involve direct contact with patients and residents at a health care facility licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health have

a background study conducted by the state. An individual who is disqualified from having direct contact with patients as a result of the background study, and whose disqualification is not set aside by the Commissioner of Health, will not be permitted to participate in a clinical placement in a Minnesota licensed health care facility. The College will withdraw any student who is disqualified by the Minnesota Department of Health. The student is responsible for requesting the Commissioner to reconsider the disqualification.

**Graduation Requirements**

All Anoka Technical College students seeking an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Health Information Technology must earn a grade of “C” or higher in every course in the program.

**Transfer Opportunities**

To see how credits from this program may transfer into other Anoka Technical College programs or into a program at another college, visit:

- [Minnesota Transfer](http://www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s_agreements.php?numResults=25&archive=false&from_inst=70&from_prog=&to_inst=&Search=Search): (www.mntransfer.org/students/plan/s\_agreements.php?numResults=25&archive=false&from\_inst=70&from\_prog=&to\_inst=&Search=Search)
- [Anoka Technical College transfer student](http://www.anokatech.edu/BecomeStudent/Transfers.aspx): (www.anokatech.edu/BecomeStudent/Transfers.aspx)

**Industry Information**

The Health Information Management (HIM) professional is an important connection between doctors, patients, insurance providers, and other healthcare professionals within the field. By maintaining, collecting, and analyzing health information, the HIM professional makes an important behind the scenes contribution to the delivery of quality care. Besides working with cutting-edge technology, HIM professionals are experts in the field of patient health information and health records.

Health information technicians ensure the quality of health information by:

- Verifying health records completeness and accuracy and proper entry into computer systems.
- Utilizing computer applications to assemble and analyze patient data.
- Coding diagnoses and procedures for reimbursement and research.
- Compiling and maintaining registry data.
- Maintaining quality control of health records.
- Assuring patient privacy and data security.

**Wages/Outlook/Advancement**

The U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, in its Occupational Outlook Handbook, projects that employment for health information technicians is expected to grow much faster than the average.

# Health Information Technology

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree

Credentialed health information technicians (RHITs) can look forward to many expanding career opportunities due to increasing patient privacy/data security legislation and computerization of health information.

Wage information is available from the [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development](https://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/) (https://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/).

### Technical Education: 45 Credits

- HITM 1110 Medical Terminology in Health Information..... 3
- HITM 1120 HIT Practicum I ..... 3
- HITM 1130 ICD-10-CM Coding ..... 3
- HITM 1200 Billing and Reimbursement ..... 2
- HITM 1210 Supervision of Health Information ..... 3
- HITM 1221 Intro to Health Information Management ..... 3
- HITM 1230 ICD-10-PCS Coding ..... 3
- HITM 1240 CPT Coding ..... 3
- HITM 1244 Law and Ethics ..... 2
- HITM 1260 Professional Practice for Coding Specialist..... 3
- HITM 1325 Quality & Performance Improvement in Healthcare ..... 3
- HITM 2240 Computerized Health Information ..... 3
- HITM 2245 Health Care Statistic and Data Registries ..... 3
- HITM 2260 HIT Professional Practice Experience II ..... 2
- HLTH 1000 Disease Conditions ..... 2
- HLTH 1005 Anatomy & Physiology ..... 4

### General Education/MnTC Requirements: 15 Credits

Fifteen (15) general education credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) are required. MnTC credits must be from three different goal areas. Student is required to take:

- BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology ..... 4
- INTS 1000 Critical Thinking Applications for College ..... 3
- English transferable course..... 3 or 4

Choose ONE transferable course from the two categories below:

- SPEECH Choose one transferable course ..... 3 or 4

**OR**

- PSYCHOLOGY ..... 3 or 4

*Also see: Medical Coding diploma and Health Unit Coordinator certificate*

### Start Dates

Fall Semester.....August  
Spring Semester .....January

### Faculty Contact

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For information on how to apply, to schedule a tour, or for service during summer hours, contact Enrollment Services at 763-576-7710 or [EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu](mailto:EnrollmentServices@anokatech.edu)

### Sample Program Sequence

Full Time

	First Semester	Second Semester
<b>1<sup>st</sup> YEAR</b>	HITM 1110..... 3	HITM 1120 ..... 3
	HITM 1130 ..... 3	HITM 1240 ..... 3
	HITM 1221 ..... 3	HITM 1244 ..... 2
	HITM 1230 ..... 3	HTLH 1000..... 2
	INTS 1000 ..... 3	HLTH 1005 ..... 4
	<b>TOTAL ..... 15</b>	<b>TOTAL ..... 14</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR</b>	<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>Fourth Semester</b>
	HITM 1200 ..... 2	HITM 1210 ..... 3
	HITM 1260 ..... 3	HITM 1325 ..... 3
	BIOL 1106..... 4	HITM 2240 ..... 3
	Gen Ed/MnTC ..... 8	HITM 2245 ..... 3
	<b>TOTAL ..... 17</b>	HITM 2260 ..... 2
		<b>TOTAL ..... 14</b>