

Program Information

The Anoka Technical College Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Health Information Technology is a 60-credit program that prepares students for a career in health care and settings where health information is utilized. A student graduating with a degree in Health Information Technology is well prepared to assume an entry-level position in this professional field. Specifically, program outcomes are designed to assure that graduates of the program will be prepared to demonstrate: essential professional and technical knowledge, skills and competencies fundamental to the health information management profession; effective written and oral communication skills; skills in using resources and technology; problem solving, teamwork and critical thinking skills.

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 CAHIIM are eligible to sit for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) exam.

Prerequisites

Some courses may require an Accuplacer/ACT 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) degree, diploma, or certification must meet the grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher. Please contact your advisor for any further program graduation requirements.

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. 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](http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/index.jsp) (http://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/job-outlook/index.jsp).

Technical Education: 45 Credits

<input type="checkbox"/>	ADSC 1246	HIT Professional Practice Experience II	..... 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	ADSC 1252	Professional Practice for Coding Specialist	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 1221	Intro to Health Information Management	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 1240	CPT Coding	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 1244	Law and Ethics	..... 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 1325	Quality & Performance Improvement in Healthcare	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 1110	Medical Terminology in Health Information	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 1120	HIT Practicum I	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 1130	ICD-10-CM Coding	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 1200	Billing and Reimbursement	..... 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 1210	Supervision of Health Information	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 1230	ICD-10-PCS Coding	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 2240	Computerized Health Information	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HITM 2245	Health Care Statistic and Data Registries	..... 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLTH 1000	Disease Conditions	..... 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLTH 1005	Anatomy & Physiology	..... 4

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 15 Credits

Fifteen (15) general education credits of Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) are required. Student is required to take:

<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOL 1106	Introduction to Biology 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	INTS 1000	Critical Thinking Applications for College 3



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Health Information Technology

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree

Choose ONE transferable course from TWO of these categories:

English Choose one transferable course 3 or 4

SPEECH Choose one transferable course 3 or 4

OR

PSYCHOLOGY 3 or 4

Also see: Medical Coding diploma

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

Sample Program Sequence:

Full Time

	First Semester	Second Semester
1st YEAR	HITM 1221 3	HITM 1110 3
	HITM 1130 3	HITM 1120 3
	HITM 1230 3	HITM 1200 2
	HITM 1244 2	HITM 1240 3
	HLTH 1000 2	HLTH 1005 4
	INTS 1000 3	TOTAL 15
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2nd YEAR	ADSC 1252 3	ADSC 1246 2
	BIOL 1106 4	HITM 1210 3
	Gen Ed/MnTC 8	HITM 1325 3
	TOTAL 15	HITM 2240 3
		HITM 2245 3
		TOTAL 14

