HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

This program prepares the graduate to take an active role in the field of health information management. Graduates will interact with physicians, health professionals, and financial and administrative staffs to ensure the protection of information systems. Graduates will help determine health information budgets, resources and policies, utilizing current and accurate data. The curriculum includes course work in the supporting sciences and general education areas. Classroom instruction is supplemented with learning experiences in the campus laboratory and in area health care facilities.

Students enrolled in the Health Information Technology Program are required to achieve a minimum grade of "C" or higher in each course in the program.

Health Information Technicians are employed in hospitals, medical clinics, nursing homes, other health care facilities and industry. Graduates with the AAS degree are qualified to write the American Health Information Management Association's/Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) Registered Health Information Technician examination and the CCA coding examination. Graduates of the medical records coding specialist certificate may write the American Health Information Management Association's CCA coding examination and the American Academy of Professional Coders' CPC-A (and others as qualified) coding examinations.

For students completing the AAS in Health Information Technology, documentation of computer literacy as defined by KCTCS is required prior to enrolling in the first HIT course.

The Associate in Applied Science Degree Health Information Technology is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) at each college. Additional information may be found at CAHIIM's website URL: http://cahiim.org.

Degrees

- Health Information Technology - AAS (https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/health-information-technology/health-information-technology-aas/)

Certificates

- HIT Coding - Certificate (https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/health-information-technology/hit-coding-certificate/)
- Release of Information Data Specialist - Certificate (https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/health-information-technology/release-information-data-specialist-certificate/)