

# Midland College Health Sciences

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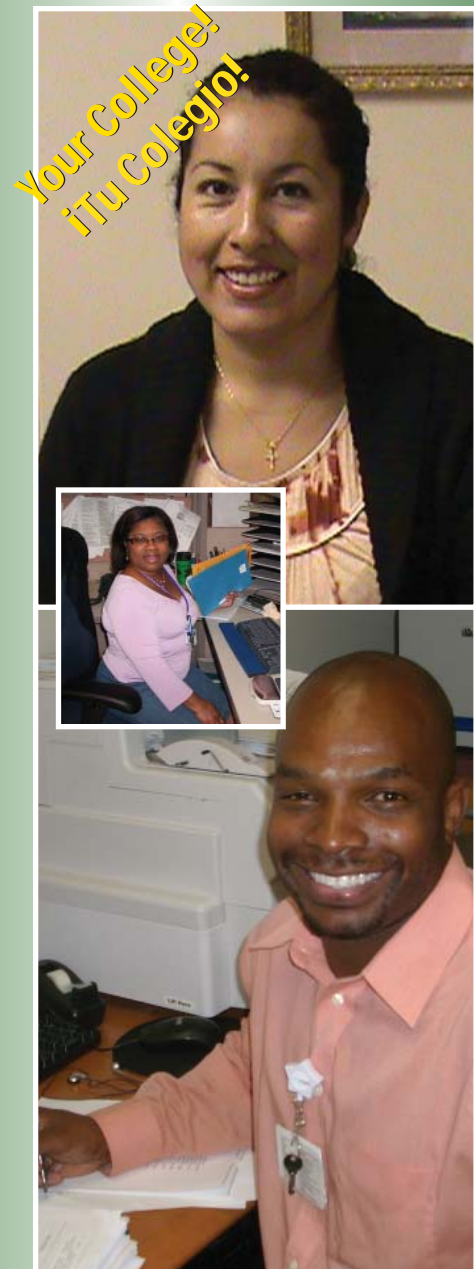


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**Health Information Technology**



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## The Online Programs

Both Health Information Technology programs are only offered in an online format (with the exception of clinical courses). The Associate Degree program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). The associate degree curriculum is a two year program for students who attend college full-time. The Coding and Billing Certificate is a one year program for students who attend full-time. Part-time options are also available for both programs. For more information about specific courses and Frequently Asked Questions, visit [www.midland.edu/hitt](http://www.midland.edu/hitt).

## Role of the Health Information Technology professional:

Health Information Management (HIM) professionals play a critical role in maintaining, collecting and analyzing the data that doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers rely on to deliver quality healthcare. They are experts in managing patient health information and medical records, administering computer information systems and coding the diagnosis and procedures for healthcare services provided to patients. HIM professionals work in a multitude of settings throughout the healthcare industry including hospitals, physician offices and clinics, long-term care facilities, insurance companies, government agencies and home care providers.

## The Job Outlook:

The Bureau of Labor Statistics states that employment in the Health Information industry is expected to grow much faster than the average. Job prospects should be very good; technicians with a strong understanding of technology and computer software will be in particularly high demand. Many employers favor technicians who have a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) credential.

**Employment** of medical records and health information technicians is expected to increase by 20 percent, much faster than the average for all occupations through 2018. In addition, with the increasing use of electronic health records, more technicians will be needed to complete the new responsibilities associated with “electronic data management.”

## Earnings:

In 2008, the average earnings nationally ranged between \$24,290 to \$39,490 (BLS statistic); however, graduates with associate degrees and acquired credentials (RHIT, CCS, CCS-P) may earn \$30,000 to \$50,000 annually.

## Credentials:

After completing an associate's degree, graduates are eligible to take the Registered Health Information Technologist (RHIT) national certification exam through AHIMA. Coding and Billing Certificate graduates are encouraged to sit for the Certified Coding Associate (CCA) credential, also an AHIMA credential. Once students have completed the RHIT credential, several online baccalaureate programs offer the RHIT progression program (2 + 2) for students interested in continuing their education. Students can review the [www.cahiim.org](http://www.cahiim.org) website for a list of accredited programs.

## Job Opportunities:

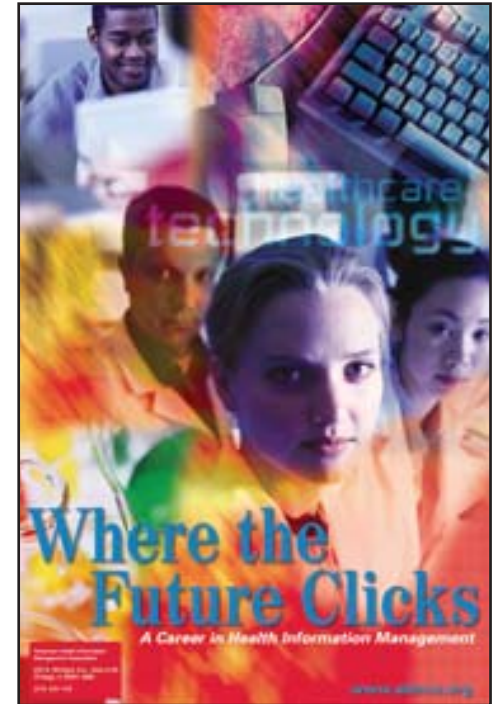
HIM professionals enjoy a broad selection of job opportunities and options for professional growth. Based on skills, education and interests, some of the positions available are:

## With an associate's degree:

- Health Data Analyst
- Insurance Claims Analyst
- Records Technician Specialist
- Clinical Coding Specialist
- Physician Practice Manager
- Patient Information Coordinator
- and many more opportunities

## High School students interested in careers in health information management should focus on development of skills in:

- basic computer systems and software
- health information literacy
- privacy and confidentiality of health information
- data technical security



For more information on a HIM career contact:

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## Special Admission Requirements:

The Midland College Health Information Technology programs have limited enrollment and required prerequisites prior to acceptance into the programs. For a downloadable Admission Packet with admission criteria, visit [www.midland.edu/hitt](http://www.midland.edu/hitt). Each prospective student will be counseled by program faculty. Contact the HITT program office to schedule an advisement.