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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.

The Online Programs

All Health Information Technology programs are only offered in an online format (with the exception of clinical courses). Part-time options are also available for all programs. For more information about specific courses and Frequently Asked Questions, visit www.midland.edu/hitt.

Health Data Coordinator

This certificate provides entry level healthcare employees with fundamental knowledge of healthcare transactions, medical terminology, computer software applications, insurance verification and submissions, and hands-on application of electronic health records.

Health Data Specialist - Physician Practice Management track

This certificate provides fundamental core knowledge and skills in the area of physician practice positions that involve health information transactions.

Health Data Specialist - Health Care Facility track

This certificate allows students to develop skills and knowledge of healthcare transactions, documentation requirements for clinicians, as well as courses in confidentiality and privacy.

Coding and Billing Certificate

The Coding and Billing Certificate is a one year program for students who attend full-time.

Health Information Technology Associate in Applied Science

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.

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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

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. Each prospective student will be counseled by program faculty. Contact the HITT program office to schedule an advisement.

South Plains College is an Alliance Partner that supports the Health Information Technology program at Midland College.