

Health Information Technology

(1.5 to 2 Years)

Program Description	Type	Degree
Medical Coding, I.T.C. (https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/technology/healthinformationtechnology/itc-medical-coding/)	Certificate	
Health Information Technology, A.A.S. (https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/technology/healthinformationtechnology/aas-health-information-technology/)	Degree	A.A.S.
Applied Science, B.A.S. (https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/technology/bachelor-applied-science/bas-applied-science/)	Degree	B.A.S.
Health Science, B.S. with Concentration in Health Occupations (https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/technology/healthoccupations/bs-hs-health-occ-conc/)	Degree	B.S.

Objectives

This program will provide students with the skills and knowledge to:

1. Maintain components of health information systems consistent with the medical, legal, accreditation, and regulatory requirements of the health care delivery system.
2. Maintain, compile, and report health information analytics for reimbursement, facility planning, marketing, risk management, utilization management, quality assessment, and research as well as to abstract and code clinical data using appropriate classification systems.
3. Analyze health records according to federal, state, and accrediting body standards.

Career Opportunities

The HIT graduate plays a vital role in advancing health information and transforming the way healthcare is delivered. Health information knowledge and skills are instrumental in improving patient outcomes, streamlining processes, and safeguarding sensitive health data when employed in any healthcare or other organization that utilizes patient health information and analytics.

Career Opportunities:

- Hospitals
- Office-based physician practices
- Same Day Surgery Centers
- Medical Coding (ITC Medical Coding Certificate and A.A.S.)
- Health Information Software vendors
- Law and Insurance Firms
- Pharmaceutical Companies
- Nursing homes
- Home health agencies
- Mental health facilities
- Public health agencies

Accreditation

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) (<http://www.cahiim.org/>) in conjunction with the American Health Information Management Association's Council on Accreditation. Graduates of the programs are eligible to write the national certification exam for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).

The Health Information Management accreditor of Idaho State University Health Information Technology Program is the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). The College's accreditation for Associate degree in Health Information Technology has been reaffirmed through 2029. All inquiries about the program's accreditation status should be directed by mail to CAHIIM, 200 East Randolph Street, Suite 5100, Chicago, IL, 60601; by phone at (312) 235-3255; or by email at info@cahiim.org.

This program is a Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Academic Organizational Affiliate

Program Information

- AAS Health Information Technology program accepts students in August for the full cohort group and by exception in January.
- ITC Medical Coding program accepts students in January for the full cohort group and by exception in August.
- Supervised Experiential Learning placements require completion of hours during the last semester of the AAS in Health Information Technology.
- Practicum placements for the medical coding certificate require completion of practicum hours during the last semester of the certificate.
- AAS and ITC students must pass a background check.

General Education requirements and all other courses in the program must be completed with a "C" or higher. Students who fail to meet grade requirements will be dismissed from their programs. Students who are dismissed may petition to return the following year; however, re-entry is not guaranteed but dependent on the approval of the petition and availability of a seat in that year's cohort. Additional information is available in the program's student handbook:

<https://www.isu.edu/healthinformation/program-handbook--forms/>.

For a Program Information Packet showing descriptions of each option, course descriptions, lists of course sequences, and the cost of books, tools, uniforms, fees, and other expenses, go online to <https://www.isu.edu/healthinformation/>.

Faculty (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/technology/healthinformationtechnology/faculty/>)

HIT Courses (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/allcourses/hit/>)