Health Information Technology (HIT)
Associate Degree Program

Program Information

Length: Accelerated 2-year and part-time 4-year options
Tuition: $444 per credit for each HIT professional course
        $755 per credit for each General Education Course

Many hospitals financially assist employees in their collegiate endeavors. Check with your employer for possible tuition benefits.

Program is financial aid qualified

Clinical Experience: Students have 5 credits of clinical practice. When the student has completed introductory HIT courses, the clinical practice is scheduled. Clinicals take place at hospitals, clinics, physician practices, or healthcare businesses. The program chair will assist with clinical placement. There are limited virtual clinical practices available that are sometimes employed if there are scheduling issues or unusual student needs.

Books/Supplies: To be purchased online.

Program of Study

General Education Courses
ANA 1010  Anatomy & Physiology I
ANA 1120  Anatomy & Physiology II
ENG 1010  English Comp
ENG 2050/60 English
MAT 1010  College Algebra
SSC 1050  Health Care Delivery
PHI 1010  Ethics
PSY 1010  Introductory Psychology
RES 1010  Research Skills
THE 2050/70 Theology

Professional Courses
HIT 1040  Intro Disease I
HIT 1051  Intro Disease II
HIT 1201  Information Technology LAB
HIT 1300  Health Inf. Technology LAB
HIT 2200  Classification Sys. & Reimbursement: ICD LAB
HIT 1800  Biomedical Research, Stats & Quality Mgmt LAB
HIT 1600  Health Inf.: Documentation & Privacy LAB
HIT 2300  Classification Sys. & Reimbursement: CPT LAB
HIT 1341  Clinical: Inf. Sys. & HI Content
HIT 1640  Clinical: Documentation Stds. & Privacy LAB
HIT 2100  Organizational Resources LAB
HIT 2140  Clinical: Management LAB
HIT 2400  Advanced Coding LAB
HIT 2440  Clinical: Coding LAB

For semester breakdowns, course descriptions and career information please visit www.laboure.edu/HIT and download a Catalog & Student Handbook.

Labouré’s Associate in Science degree in Health Information Technology (HIT) will prepare you to enter a growing field with limitless career possibilities. Graduates of this approved HIT program are prepared for examination by AHIMA to earn the designation Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).

Registered Health Information Technicians:
- Ensure the quality of medical records by verifying their completeness, accuracy, and proper entry into computer systems.
- Use computer applications to assemble and analyze patient data for the purpose of improving patient care or controlling costs.
- Often specialize in coding diagnoses and procedures in patient records for reimbursement and research.
- Can work as cancer registrars - compiling and maintaining data on cancer patients.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, demand for HIM professionals will increase by 20% through 2018. – AHIMA.org

Although most RHITs work in hospitals, they are also found in other health care settings including office-based physician practices, nursing homes, home health agencies, mental health facilities, and public health agencies. In fact, RHITs may be employed in any organization that uses patient data or health information, such as pharmaceutical companies, law and insurance firms, and health product vendors. – HICareers.com

“We are constantly hiring. Health Information Technology is such a strong field in this economic climate. There are tremendous paths for growth and the field will continue to grow. You can work for small teaching hospitals, large city hospitals, private vendors - the possibilities are endless. We will not hire anyone who is not credentialed; good technicians are in demand. This is a great space to be in.” - Charlie Saponaro, President & CEO, MRA Health Information Services

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