

Health Information Management Services

Health information management represents a continuum of practice concerned with health related information and the management of systems to collect, store, process, retrieve, analyze, disseminate and communicate information in a medical entity. Hospitals, clinics and nursing facilities as well as health insurance companies and government agencies are potential employers of program graduates. The curriculum of the Health Information Management Services (HIMS) program is designed to prepare students to work as health information professionals in both paper-based and computer-based patient record environments within these settings.

Health Information Management Services is offered jointly by Central Community College-Hastings Campus and Northeast Community College. **The HIMS curriculum is developed jointly by the two colleges with Central Community College granting the degree.** Faculty use telecommunication technology and other distance learning instructional methods to teach courses at the partner campus.

The HIMS program at Central Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Council on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP) in cooperation with the Council on Accreditation of the American Health Information Management Association. Students who graduate with the Associate of Applied Science degree in HIMS, will be eligible to take the national qualifying examination required for certification as a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).

Admission to the HIMS program is selective. Applicants are required to have a high school diploma, or equivalent, with at least a “C” average. The applicant must achieve acceptable ASSET scores or complete recommended skill building/prescriptive work, with at least a “C” average, prior to enrolling in HIMS labeled courses. Northeast Community College students working in this program must maintain a 2.0 GPA in all curriculum areas. A personal interview with Central HIMS faculty from Central Community College is required before enrolling in HIMS labeled courses.

Many health care providers require a criminal background check prior to employment. Students will be required to submit to a criminal background check prior to enrolling in the HIMS Practicum course. Individuals with a criminal record may not be eligible for employment in some settings.

Suggested Program of Study for Associate of Applied Science Degree (2 years) Awarded by Central Community College

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