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HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAM OPTIONS

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Health Information Technology:

• Prepares student to sit for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) certification exam, which is considered an essential entry-level requirement in many health care facilities and contract coding companies.

• Prepares students to sit for the Certified Coding Associate (CCA), Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) and CCS-P coding certification exams, which are considered mandatory coding certification in many health care facilities and contract coding companies.

• Includes 60 college credits in health information technology, medical terminology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, sciences and general education courses.
GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

• TCC’s HIT Program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIM).

• TCC is regionally accredited by the SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). The educational programs are approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

• Federal projections estimate a 29.6% increase from 2018 through 2022.
APPLICATION PERIOD
November 1st through Aug 3rd
For Fall Admission
Online Application (Print and Fill Out)

You can bring the application to an advisor for review
OR
Mail it in:

ATTENTION:
Health Information Technology Application
245 East Belknap Street
Fort Worth Texas 76102
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM SEATS, COSTS, AND AVERAGE SALARY INFORMATION

How many seats per application period?

The TCCD Health Information Technology AAS program currently accepts 25 students per year. Those selected will begin classes in a Fall semester. On average, the program has about 50 students apply in a single application period.

Program Cost

8,250 dollars
This includes uniforms, books, tuition, pre-requisites, clinicals, etc...

Average pay for TCC students upon graduation from the program: $18-20
When Will I Be Notified?

3 to 4 Weeks after the application deadline, the top 35 candidates are invited to a mandatory information meeting.

Selection Into Program

Acceptance Notification of selected 25 applicants are sent within 10 days after the information meeting.

Alternates

The remaining applicants within the Top 35 are designated as alternates.

It is important to remember that selection is based on how each applicant compares with others in the applicant pool for this program.

Applicants with higher GPA’s and Science grades tend to be the most competitive.

The selection committee notifies all candidates by mail of their admission status (accepted, alternate, not accepted or incomplete). It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure the correct mailing address has been provided.
ELIGIBILITY

Must have a TCCD ID Number

• To be eligible to apply for the Health Information Technology program, the student must first be a current TCCD student. This means that the student has a TCCD student ID number and has already applied and been accepted to the college.

• Individuals that have not applied to the college may follow this link: [Apply For Admission](#) to begin the process.

Transcript Evaluation

• ALL official transcripts from a college or university other than TCCD, must be received and evaluated by TCCD at the time of Application to the Health Info Technology program.

• First, submit your transcripts to the Transcript Office or your local Registrars office.

• This process can take up to two months, please keep this in mind.

TSI Requirements

• Meet TCCD’s Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. For Additional information on TSI requirements, Please visit: [TSI Requirements](#)
To be eligible to apply for the Health Information Technology program, the student must first complete, within 5 years at time of application, (and pass with a grade of C or higher) the following prerequisite science courses:

- Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 2401) & Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 2402)
- Medical Terminology (HPRS 1206)
- Please ALSO note that SCIT COURSES are not accepted replacements for the BIOL courses. We will not allow any exceptions.

Please be aware that the TAC (Texas Administrative Code) and DFW Hospital Council Standards require that all students in health-related programs complete certain immunizations. They are currently as follows:

- HEPATITIS A AND B
- MMR
- Varicella
- Tdap
- Influenza
- TB Skin Test
- If under 22, please submit proof of MCV4 (Meningitis) to your campus registrar’s office.

*Some of these immunizations take up to 6 months to complete (Hep B), it is best to get started NOW, or get dropped from the program.

Once accepted into the program, you will be required to complete a drug screen, and a criminal background check.

"If there is something you feel might prevent you from being accepted into the program, it is your responsibility to contact the testing entity and the background check company prior to being accepted into the program. Should you learn that you will not pass the background check and/or the requirements for the national registry, you should not apply to any program within the health sciences.

House Bill 1508 which took effect in September 2017 requires that all of our students are notified that criminal offense convictions that occur while enrolled in our programs will affect their ability to apply for an occupational license.
“NEW” BONUS POINTS
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

• .1 will be given to those registered with TCCD as a military Veteran
• .1 will be given to those who were enrolled as dual-credit high school students
• .1 will be given to those who are returning to our programs after completing an advanced degree (associate’s or higher). Transcripts must state successful completion with GPA of 2.5 or higher, which is the minimum GPA for applying to the programs we currently offer.
REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED COURSES

ALL HIT AND OTHER COURSES (REQUIRED FOR DEGREE) MUST BE PASSED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF C

• The below **bold** courses, or approved equivalents, must have been completed within 5 years from the time of deadline. There are absolutely NO exceptions.
  - **BIOL 2401 (Anatomy and Physiology I)**
  - **BIOL 2402 (Anatomy and Physiology II)**
  - **HPRS 1206 (Essentials of Medical Terminology)**

• It is strongly recommended that the student have the general education courses completed prior to enrollment in HIT courses. This is due to the strenuous nature of the program as well as the fact that these general education courses must be completed prior to graduation.
  - **HPRS 2200 (Pharmacology for Health Professions)**
  - **HPRS 2201 (Pathophysiology)**
  - **HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS ELECTIVE (3 hours)**
  - **ENGL 1301 (English Comp I)**
  - **PSYC 2301 (Intro to Psych)**
HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM SCHEDULE/LENGTH

Course & Clinical Hours

Program courses and labs meet 1 to 3 days per week. Classes are held online, and evenings and weekends. Clinical rotations will be held during daytime hours on weekdays. Students can expect to need 2-3 hours of study time per credit hour.

This is a Full-Time Program

Students need to be able to commit to a full-time schedule for five semester (2 years) consecutively. Part-time options are not available at this time.

Students will receive an AAS in Health Information Technology upon completion
FAQ

If you have any questions, please contact:

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