The following are some frequently asked questions about the Health Information Technology (HIT) program.

What are the prerequisites for admission?

Prerequisites for admission to the Health Information Technology program include the following:

- 12th grade reading, writing, and math
- HITT 1305 Medical Terminology (grade of C or better)
- BIOL 2404 or BIOL 2401/2402 Anatomy and Physiology (grade of C or better)
- Application Packet

How long is the program?

Program length will be dependent on whether the student attends full time or part time. Length will also be dependent on whether the student transfers general academic courses or not. Program must be taken in sequence due to certain courses being prerequisites for other courses. A degree plan depicting full time will be presented to each student upon request and/or when student is accepted. Part time attendance (students working 20 hours per week or more) can be determined by noting and following the course prerequisites on the full time degree plan. HITT classes include a lab component which will increase the “face to face” time for each class. Example: HITT 1341 has 2 hours of lecture and 4 hours of lab, making a total of 6 “face to face” hours; students need to add an additional 4 hours of “non-face to face” time to complete homework, read content and complete study time. When you add the additional “non-face to face time”, students can expect to devote a total of 10 hours per week to the class.
Are classes available in the evenings, weekends, or on the internet?

All HITT courses are delivered via the internet. However, students will go to a clinical site at some point in the last semester of the program. Students access and submit assignments utilizing a computer and internet service. Computer and internet service are the responsibility of the student. Faculty, or a designee, are available for assistance via phone, email, online interactive sessions, and on campus. Other on-campus resources are available for student assistance.

When can I start classes?

A new cohort of formally accepted students begins each fall semester. Currently, HITT and HPRS courses are offered only one semester per year with the exception of HITT 1305.

How do I apply to the program?

An application to the program is to be requested *after* successfully completing the academic prerequisites *and* meeting the criteria identified on the HIT webpage. The completed application will be sent by certified mail and postmarked no later than the date listed on the HIT webpage.

How can I get enrolled?

Students may enroll for prerequisite and academic courses upon meeting admission requirements for the College.

Currently, students accepted into the program will request enrollment through the program director. The process is being reviewed.
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What kind of jobs are available?
Jobs are available in various settings, including physician offices, hospitals, insurance companies, and even at home. Additional information on job type availability can be found through the Career Map and the professional organization sites provided on the Program page.

Is this a medical billing and coding program?
Medical billing and coding courses are a component of the Health Information Technology AAS degree. Currently, a medical billing and coding certificate is not offered.

Can I work from home with this job?
Employment is available in the home setting for various health information positions. In particular, coding and consulting positions are current popular options. Work-from-home positions are determined by place of employment.

What is average salary for this job?
Salaries will vary with each HITT career field, location, facility, and various other factors. Information on salary expectations is available through the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Statistics.

Do you offer the certification or licensure examination for this field?
Registration and certification examinations are administered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) through CAHIIM, our credentialing body.

Graduates with an AAS in Health Information Technology are eligible to take the Registered Health Information Technician examination or any of the certification examinations for Coding from AHIMA.
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**What is the cost per semester for this program?**

Please refer to the college’s [Tuition and Refunds](#) page. Please note on the tuition schedule there is a special tuition fee of $500 per semester for students enrolled in the Health Information Technology program. The special fee is applied to subscriptions for specialized software utilized in the courses for this degree as well as for registry and certification examination review material for pending graduates.

Students should keep in mind that even though the program is online, textbooks are still required. The majority of the textbooks utilized in the courses are also utilized throughout the whole program, so students are advised to retain their textbooks for all HITT courses.

**How should I plan for clinical rotation?**

Clinical rotation is done in the last spring semester of the program. Students who work or are otherwise obligated during work week hours must plan now accordingly. Be prepared to save time off or arrange for an adjusted work schedule to be able to complete clinical rotation.

**Do I need to complete a criminal background check?**

Yes, you will need to have completed a criminal background check by the end of the summer semester after being accepted into the program. [Background Check](#)

**Do I need to complete a drug screen?**

Yes, you will need to have completed a drug screen by the end of the summer semester after being accepted into the program.
Drug Screen

**Do I need to submit proof of immunizations?**

Yes, students will need to submit proof of *all* immunizations by the end of the summer semester after being accepted into the program.

*Proof of thorough completion of Immunizations*

**Do I need to submit proof of personal health insurance?**

Yes, by the end of the *second fall semester* after being accepted into the program, you must submit proof of personal health insurance.

*Personal Health Insurance*

Any further questions may be answered via email with the program director.