Health Information Technology

Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology

Today, society depends on information. Advances in technology make the ever-increasing flow of information more available, more comprehensible and more useful. Advances in medical science, legislative reforms, computerization and the need to manage health care delivery systems and health care costs, have created a growing demand for information professionals with the knowledge and skills to process, analyze and distribute health care information.

Career Opportunities

The curriculum for accredited health information technician programs includes courses in anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology, health record management, health information systems, management information systems, medicolegal aspects, quality assessment, statistics, research methods, and coding and reimbursement methods. Students complete supervised professional practice experiences in the health information management departments of approved health care facilities. All health information technology courses have laboratory assignment requirements which accompany the lecture presentations to enhance and stimulate the learning process. Online distance education is available for much of the required health information technology coursework.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available through the American Health Information Management Association. Low interest loans and scholarships are also available from the Foundation for Record Education.

Outcome Assessment

Graduate placement for the current reporting year is approximately 88%, exceeding the current CAHIIM threshold for accreditation. Graduate satisfaction rate and employer satisfaction rates for BGSU Firelands HIT graduates are at 100%, exceeding current CAHIIM thresholds. The HIT program at BGSU exceeds the national mean pass rate for the current reporting period on the Registered Health Information Management Technician certification examination.

Program Requirements

Students pursuing the associate of applied science degree in health information technology must complete a minimum of 62 hours in the following areas with a GPA of 2.5 or better in all related coursework to be eligible for clinical education.

Core Classes
- Basic Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health (5)
- Survey of Pharmacology (1)
- Introduction to Coding and Classification Systems (2)
- Pathophysiology (4)
- Medical Terminology (2)

Communications
- Varieties of Writing (3)
- Speech Communication (3)

Basic Courses
- Computer Basics (3)
- Introduction to Statistics (3) or Using Statistics (3)
- Management Information Systems (3)
- Management/Supervision (3)
- Research in the Electronic Library (1)

General Studies
- General Psychology (4)
- Electives (3-6)

Technical Courses
- Medicolegal Aspects of Health Information (3)
- Coding and Classification Systems ICD10CM (3)
- Coding and Classification Systems ICD10PCS (3)
- Introduction to Coding and Classification Systems (2)
- Medical Terminology (2)
- Survey of Pharmacology (1)
- Pathophysiology (4)
- Coding and Classification Systems HCPCS/CPT (2)
- Reimbursement Methodologies (2)
- Advanced Coding (2)
- Business Communications (3)
- Accounting and Business Concepts I (3)
- Accounting and Business Concepts II (3)
- Electronic Bookkeeping (3)

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Your University Opportunity
BGSU Firelands, located in Huron, Ohio, is a regional campus and one of the seven undergraduate colleges of Bowling Green State University. We offer many of the advantages and resources of a major university, but in a smaller, more personal environment.

Generally, students are able to complete at least two years of coursework toward most of the 200-degree programs at BGSU before transferring to the main campus, or to another college or university.

BGSU Firelands offers students a wireless environment campus wide. Kiosks and public-access computers located in most campus buildings provide easy Internet access. In addition, there are several on-campus computer labs with a variety of computers and software programs.

The library, containing more than 30,000 volumes, is computer-linked to the more than 4 million items available through BGSU’s libraries to provide excellent research opportunities.

Academic advisors work individually with students to plan their degree programs and small class sizes allow students to have close, personal contact with their professors. Free tutoring is readily available through the Teaching and Learning Center. Scholarships, grants and loans are available to assist students with tuition.

NOTE: Information in this guide is subject to change without notice. To learn more about the official program of study for Health Information Technology, please check the undergraduate catalog online at www.bgsu.edu/catalog/