

# Health Information Technology

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Health Information Technology (HIT) is the profession that focuses on healthcare data, validity, and the management of healthcare information in a variety of different healthcare settings. The Health Information Technology (HIT) program prepares students to enter the profession as health information technicians who are responsible for maintaining accessibility, accuracy, and quality of health information and use knowledge and skills from disciplines such as medicine, information management, and computer technology. Upon completion of this CAHIIM-accredited HIT program, graduates are eligible to sit for the national accreditation examination offered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Students who pass the AHIMA exam receive the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) credential.

**Total Credit Hours: 64.0**

<b>First Semester</b>		
ED100	College Seminar	1.0
EN101	English 1: Composition	3.0
MR101	<a href="#">Health Information Introductory Concepts</a>	3.0
BI216	Human Anatomy & Physiology 1	4.0
MR103	<a href="#">Medical Terminology</a>	3.0
IS101	Computer and Society	3.0
		<b>17.0</b>

<b>Second Semester</b>		
BI217	Human Anatomy & Physiology 2	4.0
MR115	<a href="#">Law in Healthcare</a>	3.0
MR200	<a href="#">Health Information Systems in Non-Acute Care</a>	3.0
MA110	Elementary Statistics	3.0
MR225	<a href="#">Electronic Health Record Management</a>	3.0
		<b>16.0</b>

<b>Third Semester</b>		
MR204	<a href="#">Quality Review in Healthcare</a>	3.0
MR105	<a href="#">International Classification Systems</a>	4.0
MR230	<a href="#">Emerging Technology &amp; Health Informatics</a>	3.0
BI209	Pathophysiology	3.0
MR104	<a href="#">CPT Procedural Coding</a>	2.0
		<b>15.0</b>

<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
MR202	<a href="#">Management &amp; Supervision in Healthcare</a>	3.0
MR207	<a href="#">Reimbursement Methodologies</a>	3.0
EN102	English 2: Ideas & Values in Literature	3.0
MR220	<a href="#">Professional Practice Experience</a>	4.0
	Social Science Core GE (Choose from SUNY area 3)	3.0
		<b>16.0</b>

### Program Prerequisites:

**Minimum high school average of 75 OR  
A current overall college grade point average (GPA) of 2.0**

**Math:**

An SAT math score of 500 or higher **OR**

An ACT math score of 19 or higher

An appropriate MVCC Mathematics Placement test result, or MA090 or MA091 **OR**

A grade of "C" or better in a college level mathematics course taken within *five* years.

**Science:**

High school biology with lab or equivalent, chemistry recommended but not required.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS**

**If a student has legal charges pending or has been convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor, certification may be delayed or denied by the applicable national certification board. Students may be subject to criminal background checks and/or Blood Screening Tests at their own cost. Additionally, applicants should understand that they may be required to obtain the above mentioned documents for future gainful employment, and if unable to successfully obtain the proper documented immunizations and background clearance, their opportunities for employment within the healthcare industry may be limited.**

Health Information Technology students are required to participate in a **nonpaid** Professional Practice Experience (PPE) externship as part of their program. This PPE allows students to gain inside knowledge and professional experience in preparation for entering the Health Information Technology field. Students will have one full semester to complete the 150 uncompensated hour requirement. As there may be flexibility in the days and hours worked, it should be understood that many sites operate during normal business hours of Monday – Friday 8:00 – 5:00 pm. There are no weekend or evening hours available at externships sites. Travel outside the Utica/Rome area may also be a requirement to complete the externship.

In addition to the above mentioned, students will be required to complete CPR certification, a complete a health physical form with vaccination documentation including flu vaccination and lab results dated within three months of their PPE start date.