HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Program Number: 10-530-1
Associate of Applied Science Degree
Campus: Online, (clinicals required)
This program is eligible for financial aid (http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/)

Imagine being employed in the booming health information technology (HIT) field in as little as two years. With an associate degree in HIT from Moraine Park Technical College, you will learn the latest and greatest about the occupation where health care meets the cutting edge of technology.

About the Program

Become a health information management professional, one of the fastest growing occupations in the U.S. (http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-records-and-health-information-technicians.htm), with a Health Information Technology degree.

Moraine Park's Health Information Technology program—which can be completed online on a full-time or part-time basis—is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) (http://www.cahiim.org/). Graduates are eligible to take the national certification exam offered by the American Health Information Management Association (http://www.ahima.org/) to become Registered Health Information Technicians (RHIT).

Our Health Information Technology graduates have exceeded the national pass rate on the RHIT exam for more than 25 years, and 100 percent of program students have received a favorable rating on the professional practice site supervisor evaluation in all technical domains and employability skills.

All core program classes are offered online. Job shadowing in this field is recommended prior to application. Learn more about a career in health informatics at http://www.ahima.org/careers (http://www.ahima.org/careers/).

What You'll Learn

Health information technicians collect, analyze and report health care data, helping ensure patients receive high-quality care. Moraine Park students learn from instructors who are currently working in the field, gaining knowledge of disease, treatments, computer systems and organizational skills.

The Health Information Management accreditor of Moraine Park Technical College is the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). The College's accreditation for associate degree in Health Information Management has been reaffirmed through 2027/2028. All inquiries about the program's accreditation status should be directed by mail to CAHIIM, 200 East Randolph Street, Suite 5100, Chicago, IL, 60601; by phone at (312) 235-3255; or by email at info@cahiim.org.

- Moraine Park's Health Information Technology (HIT) graduates have exceeded the national pass rate on the RHIT exam for over 25 years. 100% of Moraine Park's HIT graduates taking the exam in 2023-2024 passed. The national pass rate was 80%.
- 100% of the 2024 program students were identified as potential or strong job candidates on the professional practice experience evaluations.
- 75% of the responding 2022-2023 graduates were employed within one (1) year of graduation.

Transfer Opportunities

Your academic journey can continue at a four-year college or university. Earn your associate degree at Moraine Park and then apply those credits toward a bachelor's degree. Starting at MPTC makes completing a bachelor's degree **affordable**, **accessible** and **convenient**. You can go anywhere as MPTC has transfer agreements with colleges and universities both in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (https://www.morainepark.edu/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/) page for more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

Additional Information

State Certification Disclosure: Moraine Park's Health Information Technology program prepares students to obtain the educational requirements necessary to sit for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) examination offered by the American Health

Information Management Association (AHIMA). See Professional Licensure and Certification Disclosure (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/professional-licensure/) for more details.

Certification Organization: American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) (http://www.ahima.org/)

Successful completion of 530-166 HIT Capstone is the exit assessment graduation requirement for the program.

Admission Process

Standard Admissions (http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/) steps details

This program also requires:

- Health Requirements
- Criminal Background Check

Credit for Prior Learning

Transform the skills and abilities developed through previous experience into college credit through MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning process.

- Transfer credit from other colleges/universities
- Earn college credit for your military training and experience
- Earn college credit via Advance Placement, CLEP, DANTES/DSST or MPTC Challenge Exams
- Earn college credit from previous/current work and life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/credit-for-prior-learning/) page for more information.

Approximate Costs

Tuition

Occupational

- $157.45 per credit (resident)
- $236.18 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- $196.05 per credit (resident)
- $294.08 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

Student Fees

- $6.00 minimum per course Material Fee
- $14.17 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- $4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Cost of Tuition and Fees (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/billing/cost/) for additional enrollment fee information.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for associate degree and technical diploma programs (those that are 2 semesters in length and typically with 28 credits or more). Processing can take 4-5 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/)) is received.

Several factors influence the total cost of your degree, including enrollment fees, the number of credits required, textbooks and equipment. Financial aid (https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/) can assist with those costs.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
501-101	Medical Terminology	3
501-107	Digital Literacy for Healthcare	2
530-180	Intro to Health Information	2
530-190	Data Management in HIM	2
804-189	Introductory Statistics	3
806-189 or 806-177	Basic Anatomy or General Anatomy and Physiology	3-4
890-101	College 101	2
	Credits	**17-18**
Semester 2		
530-121	Intro to Healthcare Data Analytics	3
530-158	Healthcare Law	3
530-182	Human Diseases for the Health Professions	3
530-197	ICD Diagnosis Coding	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
	Credits	**15**
Semester 3		
530-120	Intro to Medical Reimbursement	2
530-157	Revenue Cycle Management	2
530-164	Introduction to Health Informatics	3
530-199	ICD Procedure Coding	2
530-184	Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Coding	3
Communication Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/communications/)		3
	Credits	**15**
Semester 4		
530-165	Intermediate Coding	3
530-166	HIT Capstone	1
530-179	Management and Performance Improvement	3
Behavioral Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
	Credits	**13**
	Total Credits	**60-61**

Program Outcomes

- Apply coding and reimbursement systems.
- Model professional behavior and ethics.
- Apply organizational management techniques.
- Apply data governance principles to ensure the quality of health data.
- Apply informatics and analytics in data use.

Pathways

- Health Information Technology Associate Degree (p. 1)
  - Medical Coding Specialist Technical Diploma (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/program-information/programs/medical-coding-specialist/)

Earn a technical diploma and associate degree along this pathway. Start with some courses for entry-level employment, and continue with additional courses for higher wages and job advancement.

Career Opportunities

- Coding Specialist
- Release of Information Specialist
- Health Information Technician
- Reimbursement Coordinator
- Data Quality and Integrity Monitor
- Data Security, Privacy and Confidentiality Manager
- Health Data Analyst
- Enterprise Content Information Manager

Estimated Salary Range

Average annual salaries for local workers in this career field range from $41,927 (entry level) to $55,124 (experienced worker).

Salary range estimates are based on wages for related occupations in the Moraine Park District as reported by Lightcast. Individual wages vary based on experience, industry, location and specific job requirements.

Moraine Park Technical College is an equal opportunity and affirmative action College. Women, minorities, those with different abilities and veterans are encouraged to apply. For more information, visit http://www.morainepark.edu/nondiscrimination.