

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Program Number: 10-530-1

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Campus: Online, (clinical 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 2019-2020 passed. The national pass rate was 76%.
- The 2019-2020 HIT graduation rate was 83%.
- 100% of the 2020 program students received a score of 92 - 100 (potential job candidate/strong job candidate) on the professional practice experience evaluations.
- 100% of the responding 2019-2020 graduates were employed within six (6) months of graduation.

Transfer Opportunities

Earn credits at MPTC and transfer to a four-year college to earn your bachelor's degree.

Visit the Transfer Opportunities (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/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

An Internship 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

Earn college credit outside the classroom through Moraine Park's Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) opportunities. Credit opportunities are available for:

- Previous college coursework from prior institutions
- Military training and experience
- Passing of MPTC or national exams
- Skills or knowledge developed on the job or through other life experiences

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

Approximate Costs

- \$141.00 per credit (resident)
- \$211.50 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.
- Please refer to the MPTC Student Handbook (<http://www.morainepark.edu/studenthandbook/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is provided to aid eligible associate degree and technical diploma programs with 28 credits or more. Processing can take 6-8 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received. Visit the Financial Aid (<https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/>) page to learn more.

Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
501-101	Medical Terminology	3
501-107	Digital Literacy for Healthcare	2
530-162	Foundations of HIM	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
806-189 or 806-177	Basic Anatomy or General Anatomy and Physiology	3-4
890-101	College 101	2
Credits		16-17
Semester 2		
530-178	Healthcare Law and Ethics	2
530-182	Human Diseases for the Health Professions	3
530-184	Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Coding	3
530-197	ICD Diagnosis Coding	3
804-189	Introductory Statistics	3
Credits		14

Semester 3		
530-159	Healthcare Revenue Management	3
530-163	Healthcare Stats and Analytics	3
530-164	Introduction to Health Informatics	3
530-199	ICD Procedure Coding	2
Behavioral Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Communication Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/communications/)		3
Credits		17
Semester 4		
530-161	Health Quality Management	3
530-165	Intermediate Coding	3
530-166	HIT Capstone	1
530-167	Management of HIM Resources	3
530-196	Professional Practice	3
Social Science Course (https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/)		3
Credits		16
Total Credits		63-64

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/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

Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

\$36,002