

Careers

Health information management technicians work in health record services located in hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory care facilities, physician offices, insurance offices, government agencies, and other facilities utilizing health records. They have little or no contact with patients.

Health information management technicians use computer programs to tabulate and analyze data to help improve patient care, control costs, for use in legal actions, in response to surveys, or for use in research studies.

Salary

In 2004, median annual earnings were \$25,590, with the lowest 10 percent earning less than \$17,720. Online career sites list opportunities for a medical records coding technician with an associate's degree and two years' experience to earn an annual salary ranging from \$23,500 to \$39,700.

Job Outlook

Health information management technicians are in demand across the United States. The outlook continues to increase due to changes in legislation, technology, and the growing demand for patient information.

Education & Training Options

Montgomery College offers an associate of applied science degree (A.A.S.) and a certificate program in health information management with an opportunity to sit for the national accreditation exam. (*See reverse for health information management curriculum.*)

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs in cooperation with the American Health Information Management Association's Council on Accreditation.

Students take lecture and lab courses as well as clinical courses in affiliated hospital and other health care health information departments. Students are able to seek employment during the day, since courses are offered during the evening and on weekends.

■ Degree

This is a selective program with specific admissions requirements. Students in the curriculum are required to earn a grade of C or better in each course before they are allowed to proceed to the next course. For additional information, contact the program coordinator (see Contact @ MC below).

Contact @ MC

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Health Information Management Curricula

Admission to Montgomery College is open to all.

Math, English, and reading assessment tests are required prior to registering. (Some students may be exempt from assessment. Consult the *Montgomery College Catalog* for criteria.) Financial aid and scholarships are available to qualified candidates.

Take the next step.

Complete an Application for Admission form (online @ www.montgomerycollege.edu/admissions/mcadmiss.htm) or call 240-567-5000 for information.

Health Information Management A.A.S. (TP): 349

General Education and Other Requirements (31 credit hours)

BI 204	Human Anatomy and Physiology I*	4
BI 205	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
CA 120	Introduction to Computer Applications	3
EN 101	Techniques of Reading and Writing I	3
	English foundation	3
HE 107	First Aid and CPR	2
MA 116	Elements of Statistics	
	or	
	Math foundation	3
SP 108	Introduction to Human Communication	
	or	
SP 112	Business and Professional Speech Communication	3
	Arts or humanities distribution	3
	Behavioral and social sciences distribution	3

Health Information Technology Requirements (39 credit hours)

HI 103	Assembly and Analysis and Alternate Health Care Delivery	2
HI 104	Introduction to Health Information Management	1
HI 105	Legal Aspects of Health Information	1
HI 106	Introduction to and Legal Aspects of Health Information Laboratory	1
HI 111	Professional Practice Experience I	1
HI 113	Management of Health Information	2
HI 114	Automation of Health Information	2
HI 125	Medical Terminology I	2
HI 126	Medical Terminology II	2
HI 135	Concepts of Disease	3
HI 200	ICD Coding	4
HI 203	Statistics for Health Information	2
HI 204	Performance Improvement in Health Information	2
HI 211	Professional Practice Experience II	2
HI 212	Professional Practice Experience III	1
HI 213	CPT Coding	2
HI 214	Introduction to Pharmacology	1
HI 220	Advanced Coding and Reimbursement	3
HI 221	Ambulatory Coding	2
HI 222	Electronic Patient Billing	2
HI 226	Research in Health Information	1

Total credit hours 70

*Students should check the prerequisite for BI 204.