

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Scottsbluff/Sidney/Alliance

Programs and Awards:

AAS.5107 (70 Credits)

The program is designed to prepare the student to enter the health information field with either a diploma or Associate of Applied Science degree. Students receiving a diploma will be prepared to work in entry-level positions as a medical transcriptionist or coding technician in a variety of health care settings. Those receiving an Associate of Applied Science degree will be able to work in a variety of entry-level positions because of greater clinical and didactic preparation.

The program is a partnership between Western Nebraska Community College and Central Community College with some classes being taught using the distance-learning format. Western Nebraska Community College has an articulation agreement with Mid-Plains Community College to offer the HIMS courses to MPCC students. The programs at Western Nebraska Community College and Central Community College are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP) in cooperation with the Council on Accreditation of the American Health Information Management Association. Students graduating from the program are eligible to take the national qualifying examination for certification as an RHIT (Registered Health Information Technician).

Objectives

- To prepare students to enter the health information field at either the diploma or Associate Degree level.
- To enhance students' ability in oral, written, and communication skills.
- To enhance students' ability in interaction with others.
- To articulate the student in the diploma options into the Associate of Applied Science degree option if desired.
- To prepare the student receiving an

Associate of Applied Science degree to take credentialing exams to become an R.H.I.T. (Registered Health Information Technician).

- To provide the student wishing to seek a baccalaureate degree in Health Information Management the skills and tools needed to be successful.

Notes

- It is strongly recommended that students who wish to enroll in the HIMS program of study consult with the program director prior to enrolling in classes for details of specific program requirements.
- Students following the diploma option must demonstrate competency in writing and mathematics by assessment (COMPASS/ASSET) or by passing the appropriate mathematics and writing courses (MATH-0150, MATH-0160, or OFFT-1500 and ACFS-0050W). This is in addition to the required curriculum for the diploma option.

Required Curriculum - AAS Degree

1st Sem, Course		Credit
INFO-1100	Microcomputer Applications.....	3
HLTH-1060	Medical Terminology	2
BIOS-1160	Human Anatomy and Physiology	
or		
LPNR-1110	Body Structure and Function.....	4
ENGL-1500	English Composition 1	3
HIMS-1250	Introduction to Health Information Management	3
HIMS-1300	Legal Aspects of Health Information Management	2
		17 Credits

2nd Sem, Course		Credit
MATH-0160	Introductory Algebra	4
SPCH-1200	Speech Communication	
or		
SPCH-1390	Public Speaking	3
PSYC-1050	Introduction to Psychology.....	3
HIMS-1400	Disease Process 1	3
HIMS-1350	Health Care Delivery Systems.....	2
HIMS-2500	Coding & Reimbursement 1	3
		19 Credits

3rd Sem, Course		Credit
HIMS-2400	Disease Process 2	3
HIMS-2250	Health Care Statistics	2
HIMS-2300	Health Information Management	

	Applications 1.....	3
HIMS-2550	Coding & Reimbursement 2.....	3
HIMS-2700	Professional Practice Experience 1.....	3
INFO-XXXX	Spreadsheet or Database Course	
	Approved by HIMS Director.....	3
		17 Credits

4th Sem, Course	Credit	
OFFT-1070	Office Management.....	3
HIMS-2650	Employment Research & Professional Issues.....	1
HIMS-2600	Quality Assessment.....	3
HIMS-2580	Coding & Reimbursement 3.....	4
HIMS-2750	Professional Practice Experience 2.....	3
HIMS-2350	Health Information Management Applications 2.....	3
		17 Credits