**HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AS**

HIT professionals play a critical role in maintaining, collecting and analyzing the data that doctors, nurses and other health care providers rely on to deliver quality health care. They are experts in:

* managing access to patient health information and electronic health records
* establishing policies to protect patient health data and comply with federal, state and local regulations
* utilizing computer information systems
* coding the diagnosis and procedures for health care services provided to patients
* reviewing medical claims data and managing the revenue cycle

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, “*Employment of health information technicians is projected to grow 22 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. The demand for health services is expected to increase as the population ages*.”

HIT professionals work in a multitude of settings throughout the healthcare industry:

* Hospitals
* Clinics
* Nursing homes
* Doctors’ offices
* Home health agencies
* Medical coding and auditing companies
* Insurance companies
* Government agencies
* Release of information companies
* Health information computer system companies

The Associate of Science in Health Information Technology (HIT) degree is an AHIMA/CAHIIM accredited 70-credit hour program. The curriculum includes a combination of classroom, laboratory, and professional practice experiences. General Education and some Program Specific coursework may be taken on various campuses but the Health Information Technology core courses are only offered on the Thomas Edison Campus.

There are three professional practice experience (internship) courses in the Health Information Technology Program. Students will be assigned to a specific health care facility or virtual lab simulation for the completion of these experiences. Applicants should note the following in regards to these internships:

* Student assignment to facilities or lab simulation is made by the Health Information Technology Program Director and is based upon site availability.
* Facilities will be selected from within the Southwest Florida region which includes Lee, Collier, Charlotte, DeSoto, Hendry, Glades and Sarasota Counties.
* Students are expected to provide their own transportation to and from their assigned professional practice sites.
* Professional Practice Experiences can only be completed on weekdays.

Graduates of the HIT program at FSW are eligible to take the national certification exam to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).

**Admission Requirements**

Admission to the HIT program is open to all students interested in the field of study. However, upon selection of the A.S. in HIT as a declared major, students are required to contact the HIT Program Director to determine an appropriate curriculum sequence. Students will progress through the program as a cohort and courses must be taken in sequence. Full time and part time cohort sequencing is available.

HIT program students are expected to pay for and complete the following items before they can register for HIM2940, the last facility based internship:

* Satisfactory completion of a college-approved criminal records check
* Drug testing
* Health Report from physician
  + Proof of immunization to specific diseases
  + TB Skin Test
* Certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (CPR and AED)

**Program Structure**

This program is a planned sequence of instruction consisting of 70 credit hours in the following areas:

* 19 credit hours of General Education Requirements
* 51 credit hours of HIT Core Requirements

**Course Prerequisites**

Many courses ***require prerequisites***. Check the description of each course in the list below to check for prerequisites, minimum grade requirements, and other restrictions related to the course. Students must complete all prerequisites for a course prior to registering for it.

**Graduation**

Students must fulfill all requirements of their program major after which, students must complete an application for graduation through the Office of the Registrar and enroll in the GRD 2000 course the semester in which they intend to graduate. Students must apply for graduation by the published deadline to be assured of final clearance for graduation, timely receipt of their diploma, and participation in the commencement ceremony.

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| **AS Health Information Technology Program of Study (70 credits)**  **General Education Requirements: 19 Credits Required**  **Required Core Communication General Education Courses**   * [ENC 1101 - Composition I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** , writing intensive-must complete with a "C" or better * [SPC 1017 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * **OR** * [SPC 2608 - Introduction to Public Speaking](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * General Education Humanities   - **3 credits** **(*PHI 2100 Introduction to Logic Recommended)*** * [PSY 2012 - Introduction to Psychology](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * [MAC 1105 - College Algebra](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * **OR** * [STA 2023 - Statistical Methods I](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * [BSC 1084C - Anatomy and Physiology](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **4 credits** * **OR** * BSC1093C AND BSC1094C Anatomy and Physiology I and II * **OR** * BSC1085C AND BSC1086C Anatomy and Physiology   **Health Information Technology Core Courses: 51 Credits Required**   * [CGS 1100 - Computer Applications for Business](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * [HSC 1531 - Medical Terminology](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * [HIM 1000 - Introduction to Health Information Management - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits**   HSA1253 - Medical Office Administration – AS 3 credits   * [HIM 1430 - Principles of Disease - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **2 credits** * [HIM 1140 - Essentials of Pharmacology - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **2 credits** * [HIM 1802 - Professional Practice Experience I - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **2 credits** * [HIM 2012 - Healthcare Law – AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * [HIM 2214 – Health Data Management - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * [HIM 2253 - Basic CPT-4 Coding - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * [HIM 2283 - Advanced Coding and Reimbursement - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **2 credits** * [HIM 2724 - Basic ICD-10 Coding - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * [HIM 2813 - Professional Practice Experience II - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * [HIM 2210 - Healthcare Information Systems - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * [HIM 2510 - Quality Management in Healthcare - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) 2 **credits** * [HIM 2512 – Management Foundations in Healthcare - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **3 credits** * CGS2511 - Advanced Spreadsheet Computing – AS 3 Credits   HIM2279 - Healthcare Reimbursement – AS 3 credits   * [HIM 2940 - Professional Practice Experience III - AS](http://catalog.fsw.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=8&poid=371&returnto=463) **2 credits**   **Additional information** **about the HIT program** **is available online at:**  **<http://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/ashim>** |

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