**Health Information Technology, AS**

Graduates of the Health Information Technology Program are prepared to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). Professionals holding the RHIT credential are health information technicians who:

* Ensure the quality of medical records by verifying their completeness, accuracy, and proper entry into computer systems.
* Use computer applications to assemble and analyze patient data for the purpose of improving patient care or controlling costs.
* Often specialize in coding diagnoses and procedures in patient records for reimbursement and research. An additional role for RHITs is cancer registrars - compiling and maintaining data on cancer patients.

With experience, the RHIT credential holds solid potential for advancement to management positions, especially when combined with a bachelor's degree. Although most RHITs work in hospitals, they are also found in other healthcare settings including office-based physician practices, nursing homes, home health agencies, mental health facilities, and public health agencies. In fact, RHITs may be employed in any organization that uses patient data or health information, such as pharmaceutical companies, law and insurance firms, and health product vendors.

Current occupational employment and wages data for Registered Health Information Technicians are published by the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292071.htm>

The Edison State College Health Information Management Program admits students once per year and starts each Fall semester. 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 Lee 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, Hendry, and Glades 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.

**ACCREDITATION:**

The Edison State College Health Information Technology program is nationally accredited by the:

Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM)

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** May 1

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Health Information Technology has limited enrollment due to the rigorous professional practice requirements for the program. Acceptance to Edison State College does not imply acceptance into the Health Information Technology program. Each applicant must meet specific criteria which are listed in the admission policies. The Criteria for Admission Policies are available through the program office or through the School of Health Professions office at (239)489-9255. Admission applications are located at <http://www.edison.edu/academics/ashim/>

Admission to the program is determined by admissions points and academic transcript evaluation. Admissions points are awarded for the completion of pre-admission coursework. All General Education and Program Specific coursework must be completed (or in progress at the time of application) before the applicant will be considered for admission into the Health Information Technology Program. All courses must be completed before enrolling in Health Information Technology Program Core courses.

Pre-admission requirements include satisfactory completion of a college-approved criminal records check and drug testing at the applicant’s expense. After admission into the program, students must complete the following:

* Immunization and health report
* TB Skin Test
* Certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (CPR and AED) obtained during the months of June-August, prior to Fall Year 2 semester start

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| **GENERAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK:** Courses must be selected from those listed in the **General Education Program Guide** | **19 CREDIT HOURS** |
| ENC 1101 | Composition I | 3 |
| SPC 1017**OR**SPC 2023 | Fundamentals of Speech Communication**OR**Introduction to Public Speaking | 3 |
| HUMANITIES | Any Listed Course in Humanities Section**OR**Suggested Course: PHI 2100 Logic: Reasoning and Critical Thinking | 3 |
| PSY 2012 | General Psychology I | 3 |
| MAC 1105**OR**STA 2023 | College Algebra**OR**Statistical Methods | 3 |
| BSC 1084C**OR**BSC 1093C and BSC 1094C | Anatomy and Physiology**OR**Anatomy and Physiology I – 4 credit hoursAnatomy and Physiology II – 4 credit hours | 4 |

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| **PROGRAM SPECIFIC COURSEWORK** | **11 CREDIT HOURS** |
| CGS 1100 | Computer Applications for Business | 3 |
| HSC 1531 | Medical Terminology | 3 |
| HSA 1100 | Orientation to Healthcare | 3 |
| HIM 1430 | Principles of Disease | 2 |

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| **HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CORE COURSEWORK** | **40 CREDIT HOURS** |
| HIM 1000 | Introduction to Health Information Management | 3 |
| HIM 1140 | Essentials of Pharmacology | 2 |
| HIM 1211 | Electronic Health Records | 3 |
| HIM 2222 | Basic ICD-9-CM Coding | 4 |
| HIM 1802 | Professional Practice Experience I | 2 |
| HIM 2012 | Healthcare Law | 3 |
| HIM 2214 | Healthcare Statistics | 3 |
| HIM 2253 | Basic CPT-4 Coding | 4 |
| HIM 2283 | Advanced Coding and Reimbursement | 2 |
| HIM 2724 | Basic ICD-10 Coding | 2 |
| HIM 2813 | Professional Practice Experience II | 2 |
| HIM 2210 | Healthcare Information Systems | 3 |
| HIM 2510 | Quality Management in Healthcare | 2 |
| HIM 2512 | Office Management and Supervision in Healthcare | 3 |
| HIM 2940 | Professional Practice Experience III | 2 |
| **TOTAL DEGREE PROGRAM, HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AS** | **70 CREDIT HOURS** |