

Health Information Technology Associate's Degree – Direct Employment

Program Provider: Pima Community College

Total Program Credits: 64.5

Program Major Codes: AASOAH/OAH1

www.pima.edu/health-info-aas



Program Details

For students interested in applying for certification as coders (through AAPC or AHIMA), we recommend completing the Associate's Degree in Health Information Technology, as it more comprehensively prepares students for certification exams offered through both organizations.

Students who wish to specialize in medical billing should pursue the [Medical Billing and Coding certificate](#).

Skills Gained

- **Healthcare System Insight**
Gain an overview of the entire healthcare and electronic health record systems, and communicate effectively as part of a healthcare team.
- **Patient Information Management**
Manage patient-specific data to ensure the appropriate maintenance and release of sensitive and confidential medical information.
- **Medical Billing and Coding**
Study medical billing and coding procedures to link between patients, healthcare providers and insurance companies.
- **Advanced Healthcare Technology**
Understand changes in healthcare technology so you are prepared to work in many health information roles.

Career Options/Outcomes

Medical billers are needed to handle insurance and patient claims. Find entry-level employment as a medical coder, or medical billing and insurance claims specialist, or physician or hospital coder.

Pre-requisites/Placement

Students must meet prerequisite standards before taking BUS 151 and WRT 101 required in the pathway.

Placement tests needed: Reading, writing and math

Academic Options

While this program was not designed to transfer to a 4-year university, it may apply toward Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) or other programs.

Semester Pathway

This pathway is a suggested sequence of courses for full-time students. Part-time students or those with specific interests or transfer needs are encouraged to work with an advisor to develop a unique academic map.

Semester 1 (Total: 17 credits)

BIO 160IN:	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	4 Credits
HIT100:	Introduction to Health Information Management	3 Credits
HIT 105:	Medical Terminology	3 Credits
HIT 108:	Health Information Employment Policies	1 Credits
HIT 125:	Pathophysiology & Pharmacology for Health Information Technology	3 Credits
MAT 106:	Elementary Data Analysis and Spreadsheets	3 Credits

Semester 2 (Total: 15 credits)

CIS 120:	Computer Applications for Business	4 Credits
HIT 101:	Introduction to ICD Coding	3 Credits
HIT 102:	CPT Coding	3 Credits
HIT 150:	Introduction to Health Management Information Systems	2 Credits
WRT 101:	English Composition I	3 Credits

Semester 3 (Total: 15 credits)

AIS/ANT/ARC 205:	Introduction to Southwestern Prehistory	3 Credits
HIS 141:	History of the United States I	3 Credits
HIS 142:	History of the United States II	3 Credits
HIT 112:	Health Insurance and Medical Billing	3 Credits
HIT 175:	Health Information Statistics and Research	3 Credits
HIT 201:	Advanced ICD Coding	3 Credits
HIT 211:	Medicolegal Aspects in Health Information Management	3 Credits

Semester 4 (Total: 16.5 credits)

ECN 150:	An Economic Perspective	3 Credits
POS 210:	National and State Constitutions	3 Credits
PSY 101:	Introduction to Psychology	3 Credits
SOC 101:	Introduction to Sociology	3 Credits
HIT 202:	Advanced Classification Systems Applications	3 Credits
HIT 210:	Medical Quality Assurance and Supervision	3 Credits
HIT 225:	Advanced Health Management Information Systems	3 Credits
HIT 290:	Health Information Technology Internship	4.5 Credits

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