

Health Information Technology

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

About This Program

The Health Information Technology (HIT) Associate of Science Degree program will prepare you for a career in the health information field. As part of this degree path, the program allows you to apply credits from your Medical Billing and Coding certificate to the HIT Associate Degree program at Carrington College. Transfer in up to 36 eligible credits from your Medical Billing and Coding certificate program. Although most courses for this program are delivered in an online format, students are required to complete a 90-hour Health Information Practicum in an approved health care setting.

Important information about the educational debt, earnings and completion rate of students who attended this program can be found at carrington.edu/degrees/health-information-technology

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.

General Education Coursework

In Carrington College's degree programs, students also complete a broad base of general education course offerings focusing on:

- English composition
- Computer literacy
- Science
- Social sciences
- Interpersonal Communication

Technical Coursework

This program focuses on gaining the skills and knowledge necessary to utilize various coding systems within healthcare management. Students will explore and practice the use of technologies needed for data search, examine legal and regulatory issues in health care, and learn the fundamentals of database management. The final course in the program provides a 90-hour practical experience in a clinical setting where students will demonstrate competency in the field.

Total coursework required for Associate of Science Degree (credit hours)	70
Degree Program Length	72 weeks (not including breaks)

Carrington's academic catalog, available at carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

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Careers in Health Information Technology

Health Information Technicians organize, process and maintain medical records and data for clinics and hospitals while following ethical, legal and regulatory requirements required by the health care system. They perform a variety of duties including the review of records for accuracy, quality and compliance maintenance, security and confidentiality of the patient's health information, and utilize coding systems for patient diagnosis and treatment. Their career path can lead to employment in a variety of health care environments such as:

- Physicians' offices
- Administrative and support services
- State, local and private hospitals
- Nursing care facilities

Knowledge and Skills

Upon completion of the Health Information Technology program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate the skills and knowledge necessary to utilize coding systems in health care management
- Apply pathophysiology and pharmacology knowledge to the coding process
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking, work collaboratively, communicate clearly and act professionally

Accreditation and Program Availability

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415 506 0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the US Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at accjc.org.

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation.

The Health Information Technology program is offered to new students at:

ONLINE*

* Degree is awarded from the Sacramento campus. Students are required to complete a 90-hour Health Information Practicum in an approved health care setting.