

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, A.A.S.

Location(s): MEC, NOL
NOVA Code: 1520

Purpose

The curriculum is designed to provide training in the management of systems to collect, store, process, retrieve, analyze, disseminate, and communicate information related to the research, planning, provision, and evaluation of healthcare services. It provides students with a unique blend of courses in information technology, business management, and clinical knowledge. Students who possess an interest in studying diseases and therapies but who prefer not to work in a direct patient care setting find this career very rewarding. An interest in using computers to manage data is also important. Health information management professionals are experts on patient data that doctors, nurses, and other providers rely on to perform their jobs. Employment opportunities exist in all types of healthcare delivery organizations (hospitals, ambulatory care centers, home health services, and long-term care facilities) plus managed care, consulting firms, claims and reimbursement companies, and research firms. Graduates of the program are eligible to take a national certifying examination. The Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) Certification is recognized nationwide as proof of proficiency in health information management.

Transfer Information

Transfer is not the primary purpose of an A.A.S. program, but NOVA has articulation agreements that facilitate the transfer of this and other career-oriented programs to selected senior institutions. Students interested in transfer should contact a counselor or their academic advisor early in their program.

Mode of Delivery

For students program-placed into the NOVA Health Information Management Program, course content will be delivered 100% online. Some courses will be delivered asynchronous through NOVA Online and other courses will be delivered virtually via a synchronous Zoom format.

Special Accreditation Status

The Health Information Management Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

Clinical Requirements

Students are required to complete one nonpaid professional practice experiences (PPEs)/Clinical prior to graduation. Students will be assigned a site for each clinical and will not be allowed to complete a clinical at a hospital where they are employed if they work within the HIM Department. For additional information on completion of clinicals, please see the HIM Program Office.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must do the following:

- Comply with all general admission requirements for Health Sciences Programs.

- Complete the prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher in each course.
- Complete the Health Information Management online information session (<http://www.nvcc.edu/academics/pathways/health-sciences/health-information-management.html>).
- Complete or self-place (<https://www.nvcc.edu/admissions/direct-enrollment.html>) into MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning or higher or completion of unit 5 in a developmental math. (Students cannot use MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning for this requirement)
- Complete ENG 111 College Composition I with a grade of "C" or higher.
- Provide evidence of good physical and mental health by submitting a physical exam form. The form must be completed before the start of clinical experience.
- BIO 141 Human Anatomy And Physiology I must be completed within 10 years at time of application. If BIO 142 Human Anatomy and Physiology II is completed prior to application, then BIO 142 Human Anatomy and Physiology II must also be completed within 10 years at the time of admission.
- Complete SDV 100 College Success Skills or SDV 101 Orientation to: with a grade of "C" or higher.
- Have minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA. For Health Science programs, GPA evaluation will prioritize a student's record at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA). If no NOVA GPA is available, the GPA from the student's most recent institution will be considered.

Continuation Requirements

All courses (including General Education courses) must be completed with a grade of "C" or better before taking the next course in the sequence and to satisfy graduation requirements.

Two Years

Course	Title	Credits
Prerequisites		
BIO 141	Human Anatomy And Physiology I	4
CST 229	Intercultural Communication	3
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
HIM 111	Medical Terminology	3
SDV 100 or SDV 101	College Success Skills (Healthcare) or Orientation to:	1
Credits		14
1st Semester		
BIO 142	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
HIM 110	Introduction to Human Pathology	3
HIM 130	Healthcare Information Systems	3
HIM 141	Fundamentals of Health Information Systems I	3
PED 116	Lifetime Fitness And Wellness	1
Credits		14
2nd Semester		
HIM 142	Fundamentals of Health Information Systems II	3
HIM 220	Health Statistics	3
HIM 226	Legal Aspects/Health Record Documentation	2
HIM 250	Health Data Classification Systems	4
HIM 260	Pharmacology For Health Info Management	3
Credits		15
3rd Semester		
HIM 229	Performance Improvement in Health Care Settings	2
HIM 230	Information Systems and Technology in Health Care	3
HIM 249	Supervision & Mgt. Practices For HIM	3
HIM 251	Clinical Practice I	3

Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hum_fa_elect)		3
Credits		14
4th Semester		
HIM 233	Electronic Health Records Management	3
HIM 252	Clinical Practice II	3
HIM 254	Advanced Coding & Reimbursement	3
HIM 255	Health Data Class. Systems II/CPT	2
HIM 280	HIM Capstone	1
Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_soc_beh_sci_elec)		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		72