

Health Information Technology (2277) | A.S. Degree

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Health Information Technology Associate in Science (A.S.) program trains students in the management of systems to collect, store, process, retrieve, analyze, disseminate and communicate information related to the research, planning, provision, financing and evaluation of health care services. Students will prepare for jobs as clinical coders, health information technicians, data analysts, patient information coordinators and health record technicians. In addition to ensuring that health records are accurate and complete, registered health information technicians must maintain all health records according to federal, state and local laws.

Upon completion of this program, graduates must successfully complete an AHIMA certification exam. A credential validates your competence as an HIM professional to employers and the public. A Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) credential requires an associate degree from a Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) accredited program.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or high school equivalent
- U.S. citizen or legal immigrant
- Be currently enrolled or a former FSCJ student
- Complete the required prerequisite coursework with a grade of "C" or better
- Complete the Health Information Technology program application by the posted deadline (see reverse)
- Submit an official college transcript
- Check the catalog to learn about all course and program prerequisites

AT-A-GLANCE

- **70 Credit Hours**
- **Financial Aid Eligible**
- **Selective Access** - Certain prerequisites and criteria must be met to be admitted.
- **Online Courses**
- **Embedded Technical Certificates:**
 - Medical Information Coder/Biller T.C.
 - Healthcare Informatics Specialist T.C.

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Apply online at fscj.edu/admissions.

FSCJ's A.S. in Health Information Technology is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM), 200 East Randolph Street, Suite 5100, Chicago, IL, 60601; (312) 235-3255; info@cahiim.org.

FSCJ Florida State College
at Jacksonville

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I start?

New student enrollment for this program begins every year during the Summer Term. However, FSCJ enrolls students year-round. Application Deadline: February 15

Where are the educational courses held?

General education courses are offered at any of FSCJ's campuses and centers. Health Information Technology professional core courses are offered online.

What is the cost of the program?

Many students attending FSCJ qualify for financial aid, which can greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses. This program is Federal financial aid eligible. *The approximate cost of tuition and fees is \$7,342.**

Besides tuition and fees, students have to pay for things like living expenses, transportation, supplies and books. Book costs vary widely by program and course selection as well as choice of electives; students are encouraged to budget about \$60 per credit hour.

**Tuition reflects Florida resident rates and are subject to change. Certain classes that require labs may have additional fees for lab supplies. Additional fees are published in the class schedule.*

What other programs are related to the field?

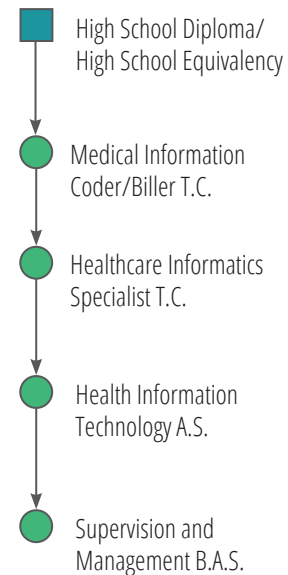
Students who have an interest in the Health Information Technology (A.S.) may also be interested in:

- Supervision and Management (B.A.S.)
- Medical Information Coder/Biller (T.C.)
- Healthcare Informatics Specialist (T.C.)

Where can I get more information about potential careers?

Research local job opportunities, wage data, career paths and market trends at fscj.emsicareercoach.com.

CAREER PATHWAY



JOB PROFILE

Duval and Nassau Counties

Medical Records and Health Information Technicians

Local employment 889

Number of job openings 77/year

Expected salaries by area and occupation may be found at bls.gov

Potential employers:

- Acute and long-term care facilities
- Contract coding companies
- Insurance providers
- Information technology vendors
- Physicians' offices