

Location: Online Only

Degree: Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

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Program Description: The [CAHIIM](#) accredited Health Information Technology (HIT) AAS Degree program prepares students with the knowledge and technical skills necessary for managing and improving the quality of information within the healthcare delivery system. The degree focal points are the American Health Information Management Association ([AHIMA](#)) entry-level competencies. The degree includes six semesters of fully online asynchronous coursework and a hands-on practicum at an affiliated healthcare organization; all courses require a final grade of C or higher.

Use this Program MAP as an advising guide to choose courses with your advisor and track progress towards milestones and completion of program.

To be accepted into the Health Information Technology (HIT) program, students must:

- Complete an [Application](#) specific to the HIT program (see the HIT)
- Complete HP A2 HESI Assessment (basic understanding of English, Biology and Math); permission granted by program director
- Complete review of current unofficial transcripts with program director
- Complete BIO156 Introductory Human Biology (4 credits) (online, Summer only)
- Complete RDG 100 College Reading (3 credits) or appropriate placement score
- Complete MAT082 Basic Arithmetic (3 credits) or appropriate placement score
- Complete ENG 100 Introduction to Composition II (3 credits) or appropriate placement score

Bold indicates recommended course

SEMESTER BY SEMESTER PROGRAM PLAN FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters

Fall Semester		Credit Hours	Spring Semester		Credit Hours
<input type="radio"/>	BIO201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	<input type="radio"/>	BIO202 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
<input type="radio"/>	HCC116 Medical Terminology	3	<input type="radio"/>	CBA113A MS Excel –Basic	1
<input type="radio"/>	HIM115 Health Information Technology I	2	<input type="radio"/>	HIM117 Health Information Technology II	3
<input type="radio"/>	HIM138 ICD Coding	3	<input type="radio"/>	HIM121 Legal Aspects of Health Information	3
<input type="radio"/>	CIS120 Survey of Computer Information Systems	3	<input type="radio"/>	HIM158 CPT Coding	3
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	Semester Credits:	15		Semester Credits:	14
Summer Semester		Credit Hours	Fall Semester		Credit Hours
<input type="radio"/>	MAT141 College Mathematics or BUS101 Business Mathematics or MAT118 Essential Mathematics or higher	4	<input type="radio"/>	ENG101 College Composition I (Health-care specific section preferred)	3
<input type="radio"/>	HIM160 Healthcare Data Management	2	<input type="radio"/>	COM259 Professional Communication	3
<input type="radio"/>	HCC173 Pathophysiology	3	<input type="radio"/>	HIM200 Healthcare Reimbursement	2
<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>	HIM205 Healthcare Statistics and Research	2
<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>	HIM208 Advanced Coding	3
<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>	HCC162 Basic Pharmacology	3
	Semester Credits:	9		Semester Credits:	15

Spring Semester		Credit Hours	Summer Semester		Credit Hours
<input type="radio"/>	HMC210 Classical Mythology & Western Art or HMC250 Humanities in the Western World I or HMC251 Humanities in the Western World II or LIT 206 World Literature	3	<input type="radio"/>	HIM275 Health Information Technology Practicum	4
<input type="radio"/>	PSY101 Introduction to Psychology	3	<input type="radio"/>		
<input type="radio"/>	CBA114A MS Access Basic	1	<input type="radio"/>		
<input type="radio"/>	HIM210 Supervision and Quality	2	<input type="radio"/>		
<input type="radio"/>	HIM215 Health Information Systems	3	<input type="radio"/>		
Semester Credits:		12	Semester Credits:		4
Total Program Hours:					69

TRANSFER INFORMATION

CAC has a partnership with The College of St. Scholastica for students to continue their online education and obtain a [Bachelors Degree in Health Information Management](#):

For more information, visit CAC Career & Transfer Center at centralaz.edu/transfer.

CAREER INFORMATION

The [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) projects a 13% growth in HIT employment opportunities between 2016 and 2026.

Students who complete the HIT AAS Degree at CAC are eligible and encouraged to sit for the Registered Health Information Technology ([RHIT](#)) national credentialing exam from the American Health Information Management Association ([AHIMA](#)).

Students enrolled in the HIT AAS Degree at CAC are eligible and encouraged to sit for the Certified Coding Associate ([CCA](#)) national credentialing exam from the American Health Information Management Association ([AHIMA](#)).

Students are encouraged to become a student member of [AHIMA](#) and [AzHIMA](#) or relevant [CSA](#).

Students are encouraged to utilize the [AHIMA Career Prep Tools](#) including an interactive [Career Map](#).