



EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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THE CAREER

A career in health information management (HIM) involves the collecting, storing, securing, retrieving, analyzing and transmitting of medical records and data used by clinicians and healthcare organizations. Professionals with a certificate are prepared to perform entry-level HIM duties including data entry, classification and record-keeping pertaining to medical diagnostic, treatment, billing and insurance documentation.

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a career in this field should:

- Have solid oral and written communication skills
- Be proficient with computer software and technology
- Be open to continuing education

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Acute and long-term care hospitals
- ✓ Physician offices and clinics
- ✓ Nursing homes
- ✓ Home healthcare agencies
- ✓ Community mental health clinics
- ✓ Health plans
- ✓ Insurance companies
- ✓ Government agencies
- ✓ Outpatient diagnostic facilities

THE PROGRAM

The ECC Health Information Management certificate program prepares students to demonstrate entry-level competency in medical coding and insurance billing with an emphasis on physician offices and outpatient settings. **The normal completion time for the program is 18 months, assuming appropriate placement scores.**

The certificate track includes instruction in medical records, health information software applications and data entry, coding and classification. Coursework also includes the fundamentals of medical science and treatment procedures, medical terminology and basic anatomy and physiology. All courses with the HIM prefix are fully online.

In addition, students learn about the regulations pertaining to coding, billing, health information documentation, Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

At completion, students are eligible to sit for a national certification exam to earn their Certified Coding Associate (CCA) credential. CCA professionals are able to demonstrate the entry-level competencies necessary to be successful in a health billing and coding environment. ECC also offers a AAS degree in health information management.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (some courses require minimum placement results)

PREREQUISITES

Students need to demonstrate proficiency in reading, English and mathematics based on assessment scores, or by taking the recommended/required classes. Some of the courses in this certificate program have specific prerequisites.

SPECIAL FUNDING AVAILABLE

Scholarships and grants are available for those who qualify through the Missouri Health Wins grant. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for more details.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

STANDARD OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (SOC)

29-2071.00

TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES

\$3,760 (In-District)

\$5,000 (Out-of-District)

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

\$2,530.80

OTHER FEES AND EXPENSES

\$535

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573-458-0165

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CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT COURSEWORK:

COURSE		HOURS
FS 1000	Campus Orientation	
FS 1001	Foundation Seminar	1
CS 1003	Microcomputer Applications	3
	PE Requirement	1
EN 1223	English Comp I or	
EN 1233	Honors English Comp I	3
SC 1000	Laboratory Safety for Students	0
BI 1804	Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology Lecture/Lab	4
HS 1113	Medical Terminology I	3
HIM 1000	Preparation for Professional Practice Experience (PPE)	0
HIM 1003	Introduction to HIM	3
HI 1000 or		
PI 1000	Constitutions Study Model	0
	History or Pol. Science Requirement	3
HIM 1243	Basic Principles of Disease	3
HIM 1213	Legal Aspects of Health Information	3
HIM 2003	Computers in Healthcare	3
HIM 2023	ICD Coding Systems	3
HIM 2013	CPT Coding	3
HIM 2033	Insurance Billing & Reimbursement	3
HIM 2051	Professional Practice Experience	1
<u>Total Credit Hours</u>		<u>40</u>

TO CONVERT A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT INTO AN ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE, STUDENTS ALSO NEED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING:

COURSE		HOURS
MT 1303	Intermediate Algebra or	
MT 1023	Business Math	3
	Humanities Requirement	3
HIM 1023	Healthcare Delivery Systems	3
HIM 1231	Introduction to Pharmacology	1
HIM 2203	Health Information Management Statistics	3
HIM 2213	Healthcare Quality Management	3
HIM 2242	Professional Practice Experience	2
CS 2003	Database Structures	3
HIM 2223	Healthcare Management Supervision	3
HIM 2263	HIM Capstone	3
<u>Total Credit Hours</u>		<u>27</u>