WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Health Information Management – Coding Specialty

Associate of Applied Science, 60 Credit Hours, 18-Month Program

The primary objective of the Health Information Management program is to prepare students with the necessary skills to work in the medical field maintaining a patient's health information. Students in both the diploma option and the degree option will take coursework in anatomy & physiology, medical terminology, medical office software, records management, electronic health records, and billing/reimbursement. This program will also provide education and training in soft skills such as communication, teamwork, interpersonal skills, and attention to detail.

Course	No.	Course Title	Credits
		General Education Requirements	
CSC	105	MICROCOMPUTER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS I	3
ECON	202	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS *online or*	3
SOC	100	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
ENGL	101	COMPOSITION I *	3
MATH	100	ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA** *or higher*	3
PSYC	101	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY *or*	3
PSYC	103	HUMAN RELATIONS IN THE WORKPLACE	
		Total	**15**
		Technical Requirements	
BUS	141	WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS FOR BUSINESS	3
BUS	210	SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT	3
BUS	241	ADVANCED COMPUTER APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS	3
HC	114	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS	3
HC	135	MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS *online*	2
HC	200	PHARMACOLOGY FOR HEALTHCARE *online*	3
HC	205	PROFESSIONALISM IN HEALTHCARE *online*	1
HC	213	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY I	3
HC	225	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY *online*	3
MDS	130	MEDICAL COMPUTERIZED APPLICATIONS	3
MDS	175	RECORDS MANAGEMENT *online*	2
MDS	210	HEALTHCARE CODING I	4
MDS	211	HEALTHCARE CODING II	3
MDS	220	HEALTHCARE FUNDAMENTALS AND REIMBURSEMENT *online*	2
MDS	260	ADVANCED CODING	4
MDS	299	INTERNSHIP or ELECTIVE	3
		Total	**45**

*Prerequisite: Acceptable ACCUPLACER score or Basic Writing.
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Professional licensure and certification requirements often vary from state to state. Educational requirements by state for this program can be found https://www.wdt.edu/degree-programs/health-information-management/.

Required steps to obtain the credential for the HIM Program. (PDF).

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First Semester		CR
CSC 105	Microcomputer Software Applications I	3
HC 114	Anatomy and Physiology for the Health Professions	3
HC 135	Medical Law and Ethics *online*	2
HC 213	Medical Terminology I	3
MATH100	Elementary Algebra *or higher*	3
MDS 130	Medical Computerized Applications	3
	Total Credit Hours	**17**

Second Semester		CR
BUS 141	Written Communication for Business	3
MDS 175	Records Management *online*	2
MDS 210	Healthcare Coding I	4
MDS 220	Healthcare Fundamentals and Reimbursement *online*	2
PSYC 101	General Psychology *or*	3
PSYC 103	Human Relations in the Workplace	
	Total Credit Hours	**14**

Third Semester		CR
BUS 210	Supervisory Management	3
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics *online or*	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	
ENGL 101	Composition I	3
MDS 211	Healthcare Coding II	3
	Total Credit Hours	**12**

Fourth Semester		CR
BUS 241	Advanced Computer Applications for Business *online*	3
HC 200	Pharmacology for Healthcare *online*	3
HC 205	Professionalism in Healthcare *online*	1
HC 225	Pathophysiology *online*	3
MDS 260	Advanced Coding	4
MDS 299	Internship or Elective	3
	Total Credit Hours	**17**