



HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Articulation Agreement with Shasta College

2024-2025

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2025-2026

Name: _____
 ID: _____
 Date: _____
 Counselor Contact: _____

Major Requirements: 38 units
A grade of “C” or better is required in the following courses

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE (F.4623.AS)	C-ID	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
AHLTH 11, Healthcare Ethical Concepts		2			
HLTH 5, Structures and Function		3			
HIT 1, Introduction to Health Information Management	HIT 100X	3			
HIT 4, Disease Process	HIT 105X	3			
HIT 5, ICD Coding: Diagnoses		3			
HIT 6, ICD Coding: Procedures		3			
HIT 8, Health Information Management & Supervision	HIT 210X	3			
HIT 10, Medical Terminology	HIT 103X	3			
HIT 11, CPT Coding		3			
HIT 14, HIM Technology and Systems	HIT 208X	2			
HIT 16, Healthcare Reimbursement		2			
AHLTH 12, Pharmacology		3			
PSY/MATH 42, Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences OR MATH 11/11H, Elementary Statistics	MATH 110	4			

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Health Information Technology (HIT) Program prepares students for a career working in health information management in a variety of healthcare settings. HIT professionals perform the essential functions of acquiring, analyzing, reporting, and protecting digital and traditional medical information. Through the use of technology and expertise in data integrity, confidentiality, and security, their work contributes to quality patient care. The curriculum provides emphasis in revenue management for a career in coding, auditing, and clinical documentation improvement, while also providing foundational knowledge in general health information management for job responsibilities that may include data collection, documentation analysis, release of information, or supervision. This program will also prepare students for entry-level positions in the profession and for transfer opportunities to accredited programs for licensure (view page 3 for more information about partnerships with accredited programs).

Notes:

1. Biology 20 or Biology 21A will be accepted in place of Biology 5, Biology 55, or Health 5.
2. If HIT 2 has already been completed, it will meet the requirement for AHLTH 11.
3. If MA 2 has already been completed, it will meet the requirement for AHLTH 12.
4. Students are recommended to meet with a Health & STEM Pathway Counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP). This major has several prerequisite courses that must be taken in a specific order. Certain courses are only offered once a year.

Admission Policy:

- Students must have a high school diploma, or the equivalent (such as the California High School Proficiency Examination or GED), or, if not a high school graduate, students are at least 18 years of age.
- Submit an admissions application to Fresno City College [Apply to Fresno City College | Fresno City College](#)
- A letter grade of “C” or higher is required in all courses in the major. Successful completion of the HIT Program requires graduation with the Associate in Science Degree.
- In addition to the 38 units required for the program, students must complete one of the three different general education patterns: option 1 – Fresno City College General Education, option 2 – CSU GE Breadth– California State University General Education, OR option 3 – IGETC – Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum for a total of **60 semester units minimum** with a 2.0 or better GPA.
- Some of the courses may have prerequisites. See the catalog or schedule of classes. See Fresno City College Catalog for the recommended sequence of courses, [Fresno City College / Courses & Programs](#).

Estimated expenses during the HIT Program:

Description	Fee
FCC Admission & Registration Fees (see current FCC catalog for any changes)	\$3,128 (68 units x \$46/unit)
California State Mandated Health Fee (5 x \$20 per semester)	\$100
Parking Permit fee (5 x \$30 per semester – optional)	\$150
AHIMA Student Membership (optional)	\$98 (\$49 x 2 years)
Books and school supplies	\$1,700
Total Estimated Expenses	\$5,176

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNICIAN INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

- Ensure the quality of medical records by verifying their completeness, accuracy, and proper entry into computer systems.
- Code symptoms, diseases, operations, procedures and other therapies according to recognized classification systems.
- Release health information (medical, legal, insurance and correspondence requests) in accordance with professional ethics and in conformity with institutional policy and legal provisions.
- Maintain and utilize a variety of health information computer applications including electronic health records, release of information, data abstracting, chart deficiency, coding, chart locator, and registries.
- Compile and utilize various types of administrative and health statistics, e.g., patient census, daily discharge analysis, monthly patient data reports and vital statistics.
- Prepare health data input for computer processing, storage and retrieval.
- Maintain specialized registries, such as cancer, trauma, and stroke.
- Provide data to the health care facility staff in patient care evaluation, utilization review, planning, and research activities.
- Supervise one or more health information service activities such as: record analysis, coding, release of information, record storage and imaging, data quality and reporting, transcription.

Typically, individuals with a HIT degree work in a hospital Health Information Management Department but many work for physician groups, insurance companies, health departments, home health agencies, and long-term care facilities.

Where can I get further information?

For more information, students should schedule an appointment with a Health & STEM Pathway Counselor. Contact the Allied Health, Physical Education, & Athletics Division office, at apa@fresnocitycollege.edu or (559) 244-2604, for more information.

Dictionary of occupational titles (D.O.T. 079.367-014)

- Occupational Outlook Handbook (p. 212 in 1994-95 edition)
- American Health Information Management Association, 233 N. Michigan Ave., 21st Floor, Chicago, IL 60601-5800 • (312) 233-1100 • [American Health Information Management Website link](#)

Courses typically offered during the following semesters:

Courses offered only in the fall semester:	Courses offered only in the spring semester:	Courses offered in fall and spring semesters:
HIT 6	HIT 4	HIT 1
HIT 16	HIT 5	HIT 10
	HIT 8	AHLTH 11
	HIT 11	AHLTH 12
	HIT 14	

– Please see next page for concurrent enrollment opportunity with Shata College –

Partnership with Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District

Associate of Science in Health Information Technology

Students pursuing FCC's Health Information Technology associate degree can concurrently enroll or continue their education at Shasta College. Their program is fully online, shorter-term courses (8 weeks), and students would need only complete a minimum of 12 units from Shasta College's Health Information Technology class to be able to earn their associate degree with completion of CSU or IGETC (Cal-GETC starting Fall 2025).

Program Accreditation: Shasta College's Health Information Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for writing the national examination for certification as a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). Professionals that have RHIT certification provide the following healthcare services:

- Ensure the quality of medical records by verifying completeness, accuracy, and proper entry into the appropriate computer systems.
- Assemble and analyze patient data to improve patient care and control costs.
- Specialize in coding diagnosis and procedures in patient records for reimbursement and research.

To learn more about the Health Information profession go to the American Health Information Management Association's website at www.ahima.org.

General Education: Students can complete the FCC Local General Education Pattern if they are intending to only complete the associate degree at FCC. If you are preparing to pursue Shasta College's Health Information Technology or Health Information Management Bachelor of Science degree, you will need to complete the transfer general education (CSU or IGETC/Cal-GETC GE pattern. (*Shasta College's AS HIT program is currently under review to accept the local GE patterns for students not interested in transferring, anticipated start term is Fall 2025*).

Courses that will be completed at Shasta College after completing FCC's HIT AS:

HIT 20, Hospital & Health Statistics (3 units)

HIT 25, Health Information in Alternative Settings (2 units) (Pre-requisites: FCC's HIT 1 and HIT 10)

HIT 55, Healthcare Quality Management (3 units)

HIT 60, Professional Practice Experience (3 units)

-Students must take 1 additional course of 1 unit more (to meet Shasta College Residency)

Shasta College Course Offerings		
Courses offered only in the fall semester:	Courses offered only in the spring semester:	Courses offered in fall and spring semesters:
	HIT 25	HIT 20
	HIT 55	
	HIT 60	

Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management

Bachelor's Degree Requirements: Students who complete the FCC HIT AS and earn the Shasta College Health Information Technology AS coupled with a CSUGE or IGETC (Cal-GETC Fall 2025) GE pattern would be eligible to apply to the Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management. Students are also required to complete the two courses listed below that are outside of the HIT major. Please see a Health Sciences counselor at Shasta College to discuss enrollment pathways if an associate degree in an area other than Health Information Technology is received.

This program is fully online.

Required FCC or Shasta Courses Outside of HIT:

-Fresno City College PSY 2 General Psychology or Shasta College PSYC 1A General Psychology or a course with the C-ID of PSY 110

AND

-Fresno City College ENGL 3 Critical Reading and Writing or Shasta College *ENGL 1C Critical Reasoning, Reading, and Writing* or a course with the C-ID of ENGL 105 **OR** Fresno City College ENGL 1B Introduction to Literature or *Shasta College ENGL 1B Literature & Composition* or a course with the C-ID of ENGL 120

Program Review:

Participation in this agreement will be reaffirmed every two years. This agreement may be terminated by either party without cause on sixty (60) days written notice or on a date mutually agreed on by Fresno City College and Shasta College.

Important links:

Shasta College Application Process: <https://www.shastacollege.edu/academics/divisions-departments/health-sciences-hsup/health-sciences-programs/health-information-technology-and-health-information-management/health-information-management-him-program/application-process/>

Shasta College Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.shastacollege.edu/academics/divisions-departments/health-sciences-hsup/health-sciences-programs/health-information-technology-and-health-information-management/health-information-management-him-program/him-frequently-asked-questions/>

Shasta College Health Information Program Application: <https://scmainweb.s3.us-west-1.amazonaws.com/files/resources/fall-2024-him-application-rev-2024-1-3.pdf>

California Virtual Campus: <https://cvc.edu/>



Intent to Enroll-Form

Personal Information

First and Last Name: _____

Educational Background

FCC Expected graduation date: ____/____/____

Intended Academic Interest at Shasta College

Expected term of enrollment at SC: _____

Associate degree: (Check one)

____ FCC AS.4623 Health Information Technology + SC BS.5001 Health Information Management

____ FCC AS.4623 Health Information Technology + SC AS.1600 Health Information Technology (associates only, no bachelor's degree)

____ FCC AS.4623 Health Information Technology + SC AS.1600 Health Information Technology (bachelor's degree seeking-HIM)

Please email completed form to ace@shastacollege.edu