



Health Information Technology Mission Statement

Health Information Technology's program's mission is to prepare graduate for entry-level positions as Health Information Technicians. Southwestern Illinois College and the Health Information Technology Program upholds the dignity of all people. Students will become proficient in the competencies outlined in the domains, subdomains, and tasks of the accreditation agency. Critical thinking, life-learning, ethical conduct, problem solving, oral and written skills will be major components of this process. Through a system that assesses the performance and progress of each student during the pursuit of his/her professional development, the program ensures that its students learn what the profession requires.

Educational Goals

The Health Information Technology at Southwestern Illinois College will graduate students that can:

1. Perform quantitative and qualitative analysis of healthcare data according to regulatory, accreditation and compliance standards to meet all the facility's needs.
2. Assign diagnoses and procedure codes using both ICD-10 CM and CPT-4 classification systems.
3. Release patient health information data according to regulatory requirements while maintaining and enforcing patient confidentiality.
4. Calculate and interpret healthcare statistics.
5. Maintain filing, storage and retrieval systems for paper based records and computerized patient records that protect the integrity and security of patient health information.
6. Collect health care data for quality management, utilization management, registries, risk management, accreditation, licensure and financial purposes.
7. Utilize common software packages.
8. Demonstrate basic knowledge of information technology and management principles.
9. Demonstrate behavior that reflects integrity, supports objectivity and fosters trust in professional activities.
10. Locate and utilize resources to foster continued learning and knowledge.
11. Present data in verbal and written forms.

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