

Health Information Technology Program

Western Technical College

Program Details

Program Mission

The mission of the Health Information Technology Program at Western Technical College is to prepare students to become part of a credentialed workforce to support the needs of the health care industry.

Program Goals

The program's goals reflect the principles and ethics of the Health Information field and support the College's strategic goals which focus on recruitment, retention, student learning and satisfaction, financial stability and effectiveness of systems and processes. Target outcomes written for each goal are used to evaluate the program on an annual basis.

1. To serve the needs of the local health information community
2. To maintain an advisory committee representative of the program's communities of interest
3. To have faculty regularly update professional knowledge and skills
4. To enhance student success
5. To measure and improve student learning
6. To improve student satisfaction
7. To ensure the adequacy of program resources
8. To promote interest and stimulate growth in the health information profession
9. To maintain program accreditation
10. To prepare individuals to become competent health information technicians

National Accreditation Examination

Students who graduate from an accredited Health Information Technician program are eligible to take the national accreditation examination of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Earning the credential Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) leads to increased salaries, career advancement and job mobility. Recent examination results for Western Technical College program graduates are as follows:

Western Exam Candidate Summary			National Summary
Reporting Period	1 st Time Testers	Percentage Passing	Percentage Passing
January 2015-December 2015	11	100%	69%
January 2016-December 2016	13	92%	68%
January 2017-December 2017	10	90%	70%