



HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AAS DEGREE CURRICULUM SHEET

Effective 6-30-2022

The following steps must be completed **prior** to enrolling in the HIT Program:

- Complete an application for general admission to Pitt Community College.
- Submit official transcript from high school or high school equivalency diploma. Applicants with a bachelor's degree are exempt.
- Submit official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
- Meet with assigned Advisor.
- Complete [new student orientation](#).
- Check your myPittCC email account for important announcements on a regular basis.
- Read the [Health Sciences Essential FAQs](#).

Enrolling in HIT courses is not allowed until the requirements below are met. Until these requirements are met, students are enrolled as an Associate in General Education major or special credit student.

- Must be eligible for ENG 111 without a corequisite (successful completion of ENG 111 with a C or better will satisfy this requirement)
- Proficiency in math required as exhibited by one of the following criteria:
 - high school GPA of 2.8 or higher within the past 10 years; or
 - eligibility to take math with a corequisite; or
 - successful completion of DMA 010-040; or
 - successful completion of MAT 070; or
 - completion of college-level math with a C or better; or
 - completion of MAT 003 with grade of P2.

Applicants with a GPA older than 10 years that meet none of the math requirements listed must take the placement test and achieve a score of 70 or better. Applicants who score less than 70 must successfully complete MAT 003 with grade of P2.

Students may begin taking HIT courses in either a fall or spring semester once the requirements above are met. The HIT curriculum is designed as a six-semester program for full time students; however, it may be completed on a part-time basis. Students may complete the HIT courses in less than six semesters if general education courses are completed prior to enrolling in the HIT Program. Once enrolled in the HIT program, advisors will work with students to complete a student educational plan. Each HIT student will have a plan that is unique to their needs. Students must complete the HIT Program within four years starting with the first semester they enroll in HIT courses. Students may not be allowed to continue in the program after four years without retaking HIT courses greater than four years old. Once enrolled in the HIT Program, students that do not take HIT courses for a year will be placed on inactive status. Students placed on inactive status will be permitted to return to the HIT program once, and they must meet the enrollment and curriculum requirements in effect the year in which they return.

**Pitt Community College has an articulation agreement with East Carolina University. This agreement provides graduates of the Health Information Technology Program an opportunity to transfer to East Carolina University as a junior and earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management. East Carolina University's Health Information Management Program requires a separate application and has competitive admission requirements.*

Sample Course Plan: Year One

| SEMESTER | COURSE | TITLE | CREDITS | PREREQUISITES |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Fall | ACA 111 | College Student Success | 1 | None |
| Fall | ENG 111 | Writing and Inquiry | 3 | DRE 097 or ENG 002 or BSP 4002; Corequisite: ENG 011 if applicable |
| Fall | HIT 110 | Intro to Healthcare & HIM | 3 | Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor |
| Fall | MED 121 | Medical Terminology I | 3 | None |
| Fall | BIO 163* | Basic Anatomy & Physiology | 5 | DRE 098 or ENG 002 with grade of P2 or ENG 111; and [DMA 010, DMA 020, and DMA 030] or MAT 003 with grade of P1 |
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| Spring | ENG 112 | Writing/Research in the Disc | 3 | ENG 111 |
| Spring | MAT 152** | Statistical Methods | 4 | [DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, and DRE 098] or [DMA 010, DMA 020, DMS 030, and ENG 002] or [DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, and BSP 4002] or [DMA 025 and DRE 098] or [DMA 025 and ENG 002] or [DMA 025 and BSP 4002] or [MAT 003 and DRE 098] or [MAT 003 and ENG 002] or [MAT 003 and BSP 4002] or [BSP 4003 and DRE 098] or [BSP 4003 and ENG 002] or [BSP 4003 and BSP 4002]; Corequisite: MAT 052 if applicable. |
| Spring | HIT 112 | Health Law and Ethics | 3 | Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor |
| Spring | HIT 114 | Health Data Systems/Standards | 3 | Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor |
| Spring | MED 122 | Medical Terminology II | 3 | MED 121 |
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| Summer | CIS 110 | Introduction to Computers | 3 | None |
| Summer | PSY 150 | General Psychology | 3 | DRE 098 or ENG 002 with grade P1 |
| Summer | HIT 217 | Quality and Data Analysis | 3 | MAT 152; Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor |
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*BIO 163 must be completed with a C or better within the past 10 years counting back from the date of enrollment in the HIT Program.

**Students interested in transferring to East Carolina University's Health Information Management Program should also take MAT 171.

Sample Course Plan: Year Two

| SEMESTER | COURSE | TITLE | CREDITS | PREREQUISITES |
|----------|-----------------------|--|-----------|--|
| Fall | HIT 218 | Management Principles in HIT | 3 | Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor |
| Fall | HUM 115 or PHI 240 | Critical Thinking or Introduction to Ethics | 3 | HUM 115: DRE 098 or ENG 002 or BSP 4002 PHI 240: ENG 111 |
| Fall | CTS 130 | Spreadsheet | 3 | CIS 110 |
| Fall | HIT 220 | Electronic Health Records | 2 | Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor |
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| Spring | HIT 124 | Professional Practice Exp II | 1 | Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor; Corequisite: HIT 211 |
| Spring | HIT 211 | Diagnosis Coding & Reporting | 3 | BIO 163, MED 122 and Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor; Corequisite: HIT 124 |
| Spring | HIT 213 | Inpt Procedure Coding & Reporting | 2 | BIO 163, MED 122; Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor; Corequisite: HIT 124 |
| Spring | HIT 226 | Pathophysiology & Pharmacology | 3 | BIO 163 or BIO 166 or BIO 169; Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor |
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| Fall | HIT 214 | OP Procedure Coding/Reporting | 2 | HIT 211; Acceptance in HIT program or permission from instructor |
| Fall | HIT 215 | Revenue Cycle Management | 2 | Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor; Corequisite: HIT 214 |
| Fall | HIT 224 | Professional Practice Exp IV | 2 | Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor; to be taken in final semester of HIT program |
| Fall | HIT 225 | Health Care Informatics | 3 | HIT 220; Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor |
| Fall | HIT 280 | HIM Capstone | 2 | HIT 211; Acceptance in HIT Program or permission from instructor; to be taken in final semester of HIT program |
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Total Credits for AAS Degree: 71

A grade of C or better is required in all courses to graduate from the HIT Program.

For questions regarding enrollment in the HIT Program, contact health sciences admissions at (252) 493-7473 or hltscadm@email.pittcc.edu.

Students admitted to health sciences programs are required to complete a clinical practicum. Clinical facilities may require criminal background checks, drug screenings, credit checks, professional license checks, and/or proof of US citizenship prior to or during participation in the clinical portion of a program. Any expenses associated with these requirements are the responsibility of the student. Pending the outcome, clinical facilities may deny a student the opportunity to complete the clinical portion of a program. A student who is unable to complete the clinical portion of a program will not be able to graduate. Criminal background checks, drug screenings, credit checks, professional license checks, and/or proof of US citizenship may also be required after graduation by examination boards, state licensing boards, and employment agencies. Pending the outcome, a graduate may be disqualified from examination eligibility, state licensure, and/or employment.

Students admitted to health sciences programs are required to have a physical examination to determine if they are physically and emotionally capable of performing the essential functions of the program and must submit a completed medical form. A record of immunizations, including, but not limited to, an annual Influenza vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine must be included with the medical form. A medical or religious exemption for vaccines must be approved by the clinical site(s). PCC does not grant vaccine exemptions in lieu of the clinical site(s) and does not guarantee vaccine exemptions will be approved by the clinical site(s).

Programs at PCC that prepare students for professional licensure are designed to prepare a student to apply for applicable licensure in North Carolina. In order to ensure whether the program meets requirements for professional licensure outside North Carolina, PCC recommends the student contact the program director prior to enrolling in the program.

It is the policy of PCC not to discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, handicap, religion, age, or national origin in the recruitment and admission of students; the recruitment, employment, training, and promotion of faculty and staff; and the operation of any of its programs and activities, as specified by federal laws and regulations. PCC is an equal opportunity institution.

Health Sciences admissions policies are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between PCC and students. PCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements at any time. Every effort will be made to minimize the inconvenience such changes create for students.