

HIT 110
FUNDAMENTALS OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: none

Corequisites: none

This course introduces the field of Health Information Management and its role in today's healthcare. The course is intended to be an overview of the roles and responsibility of the health information management profession in a variety of settings, its role in healthcare, its relationship to other healthcare professions, and its current issues. Upon completion, the student will be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the health information management profession at the diploma and associate degree levels.

OUTLINE OF AHIMA KNOWLEDGE CLUSTERS COVERED IN THIS COURSE:

Upon completion of this course, the student will have a general overview of:

Health data management

Health statistics, biomedical research, and quality management

Health services organization and delivery

Information technology and systems

Organizational resources

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

The functions and responsibilities of health information technicians and coders

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), its web site, its mission, functions, and structure

The North Carolina Health Information Management Association (NCHIMA), its web site, its mission, functions, and activities

Ethical and legal issues in health information technology

The role of electronic information systems in health information technology

The general functions and responsibilities of other healthcare professionals, of various healthcare settings, and their relationships with the HIT

Current issues in health information technology

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND REFERENCES:

Health Information Management Technology, an Applied Approach. 2nd edition.

STATEMENT OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students who require academic accommodations due to any physical, psychological, or learning disability are encouraged to request assistance from a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Likewise, students who potentially require emergency medical attention due to any chronic health condition are encouraged to disclose this information to a disability services counselor within the first two weeks of class. Counselors can be contacted by calling 686-3652 or by visiting the Student Development Office in the Phail Wynn Jr. Student Services Center, room 1309.