The Associate of Science in Health Information Technology program prepares students for a career working with health information in a variety of healthcare settings in diverse roles. Health Information Technology professionals perform the essential functions of acquiring, analyzing, maintaining and securing health information vital to providing quality patient care. Health Information Technology graduates are employed in hospitals, clinics, physician’s offices, ambulatory care facilities, long term care facilities, home health agencies, consulting firms, and any organization that uses patient data or health information, such as pharmaceutical companies, law and insurance firms, and health product vendors.

Requirements:
Conditional Enrollment: As a condition of enrollment in any Allied Health Program, students are required to submit to and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening, a background screening, and physical examination clearance (at the student’s expense). Please note the following:
• A history of felony conviction(s), exclusion or other ineligibility for federal program participation could render a student ineligible for clinical placement, as determined by the clinical agencies.
• If a student cannot obtain background clearance from the clinical agencies, it will not be possible to place the student in the clinical areas, which is a required component of the program. In the event that a student cannot obtain a background clearance, the space will be forfeited. Students who are found to be ineligible for clinical placement by the clinical agency after admission to the program shall be subject to dismissal from the program, as they will be unable to complete mandatory clinical rotations.
• A physical examination completed by a physician of the student’s choice is required after acceptance to the Program to demonstrate that a student meets the technical standards necessary to meet the Program objectives. Appropriate immunizations and/or vaccinations and mask fit testing are also required and are performed at the student’s expense.
• More information can be found in the Bakersfield College Allied Health Office, MS 178.

In addition to the required Bakersfield College general education pattern, students must complete the core courses listed below for the Associate of Science in Health Information Technology Degree. Students must also obtain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 with a grade of C or higher in all courses required for the major. A “P” (Pass) grade is not an acceptable grade for courses in this major.

Program Learning Outcome:
Upon completion of the Associate of Science in Health Information Technology, the student will be able to:
• Apply the knowledge and skills needed to perform Health Information Technology Associate Degree entry-level competencies as defined by the American Health Information Management Association’s (AHIMA) Council for Excellence in Education (CEE).
• Apply the knowledge and skills needed to successfully pass the national Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) exam.

• Compete in the job market in the field of health information technology or enroll in an advanced degree program.
• Demonstrate the ability to work effectively as an individual and collaboratively in a group to resolve health information challenges in a changing healthcare environment.

Total Units: 54-59
Pre requisite Coursework
All prerequisite coursework must be completed prior to applying for the Health Information Technology Program. The following prerequisite courses must be completed with a C grade or higher.

Course # Name Units
HEIT B60 Human Form & Function 3.0
or
BIOL B18 Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology 4.0
or
BIOL B32 & B33 Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II 8.0
and
MEDS B60 Medical Terminology 3.0
COMP B5 Introduction to Microsoft Office 3.0

Required Program Courses
Course # Name Unit
Semester 1
HEIT B10 Introduction to Health Information Technology: Hospital Settings 3.0
HEIT B11 Introduction to Health Information Technology: Alternative Settings 3.0
HEIT B12 Pharmacology for the Health Care Professional 3.0
HEIT B13 Human Disease 3.0

Semester 2
HEIT B15 Health Statistics 3.0
HEIT B16 Computer Basics for Health Information Technology 3.0
HEIT B20 Basic ICD-CM Coding 4.0

Semester 3
HEIT B21 Advanced ICD Coding 4.0
HEIT B23 Medical Legal Aspects of Health Information 3.0

Semester 4
HEIT B24 Continuous Quality Improvement 3.0
HEIT B25 Healthcare Reimbursement 3.0
HEIT B26 Supervision for the Allied Health Professional 3.0
HEIT B30 Health Information Technology Directed Practice 4.0

Category
Units in Major 54.0 - 59.0
Degree Total 80.0 - 90.0

“The total units for the degree include units for the pre-requisite courses.”