Why choose Health Information Management & Technology?

WSU's Health Care Coding & Health Information programs offer you the following advantages:
- Flexible course delivery-take the courses you need via Internet, Independent Study or in a traditional classroom setting.
- Knowledge and experience-learn from experienced instructors who know the industry inside and out.
- Multiple entry points-you can successfully join the program at every level (see schedule on back for career ladder options).
- More than 90% of program graduates pass national exams the first time.
- All HIM programs offered at WSU are accredited or certified by their respective professional organizations.
- 95% of HIM and HIT students become credentialed professionals and are placed in a career upon graduation.

What degrees/certificates are available?

Institutional Certificate
Health Care Coding & Classification
Health Information Management (Bachelor degree required)

Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
Health Information Technology

Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health Administrative Services
Health Information Management emphasis

The courses for these degrees are delivered on campus, online and through independent study. You can achieve your educational and career goals one step at a time following our unique career ladder approach.

What are the employment opportunities?

Opportunities exist in related health care settings, e.g., insurance companies, medical clinics, computer software vendors and health maintenance organizations. The job market in health care coding is steadily increasing. Weber State University is recognized as the leader in the state of Utah in the education of health care coders.

What are starting salaries of graduates?

The average starting salary for certified health care coders in Utah is $33,000. The average starting salary of bachelor's degree graduates is $45,000. Associate degree graduates earn around $35,000 in the state of Utah. This may vary depending on the region, workplace and skill level.

What will I learn in the program?

Students with a BS degree develop a background in information systems technologies and their application to the provision of health care, advanced statistical procedures and management applicable to information systems, human resources and quality improvement in health care.

AAS degree graduates learn technical functions such as coding diseases and operations, releasing medical information appropriately, maintaining statistical measures, using related computer application software and supervising employees.

Our 27-credit-hour certificate program consisting of ten courses develops your ability to use the International Classification of Diseases, version 10(ICD-10-CM) and the Common Procedural Terminology (CPT). The program also develops expertise for both outpatient/office practice and acute-care inpatient levels of proficiency. You can use and apply both coding schemes in the systems of reimbursement for health care services.

Is there an application deadline?

Currently, there is no application deadline. Students may apply any time after successfully completing the pre-requisite courses.

Where can I find out more about the programs?
DCHP Office of Admissions Advisement
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Institutional Certificate,
Health Care Coding & Classification

(Recommended course sequence below) *This is a sample of course requirements, not an academic contract with the specific department. Program requirements are subject to change without notification.*

Prerequisite (6)
HTHS 1101   Medical Terminology (2)
HTHS 1110   Biomedical Core I or a course in Human Anatomy (4)

Required Courses (21 credit hours)
First Semester
HTHS 1111   Biomedical Core II or a course in Human Physiology (4)
HTHS 2240   Introduction to Pharmacology (3)

Second Semester
HTHS 2230   Introductory Pathophysiology (3)
HIM 2300   Diagnosis Coding (3)

Third Semester
HIM 2320   Ambulatory & Physician Office Coding (3)
HIM 2330   Classification Systems Topics & Reimbursement (2)
HIM 2410   ICD-10-PCS Coding (2)
HIM 2863   Professional Practice Experience in Coding (1)

AAS Degree, Health Information Technology

Prerequisites (6)

HTHS 1101   Medical Terminology (2)
HTHS 1110   Biomedical Core I (4)

Required Courses (30 credit hours)
HIM 2000   Introduction to Health Information Systems and Settings (3)
HIM 2250   Health Care Privacy & Security (3)
HIM 2300   Diagnosis Coding (3)
HIM 2320   Ambulatory & Physician Office Coding (3)
HIM 2330   Classification Systems Topics & Reimbursement Issues (2)
HIM 2410   ICD-10-PCS Coding (2)
HIM 2500   Health Care Database Management (3)
HIM 2861 (2nd Year) Professional Practice Experience I (2)
HIM 2862   Professional Practice Experience II (2)
HIM 2863   Professional Practice Experience in Coding (1)
HIM 3000   Computer Applications in Health Care (3)
HIM 3300   Introduction to Quality Improvement (3)

Support Courses Required (19-21 credit hours)
HTHS 1111   Biomedical Core II (4)
HTHS 2230   Introductory Pathophysiology (3)
HTHS 2240/3240 Introduction to Pharmacology (3)
HAS 3000   The Health Care System (3)

NTM 1700   Microcomputer Applications (3)
OR
NTM 1701   Introduction to Word Processing (1)
NTM 1702   Introduction to Windows & Databases (1) and
NTM 1703   Introduction to Spreadsheets (1)

MATH 1030   or demonstrated math competency by exam (3)
OR
HTHS 1108   Biocalculation in Health Science (5)

BS in Health Administrative Services*

Health Information Management emphasis
Prerequisite: Previous completion of Health Information Technology program or equivalent curriculum

Required Courses (29-30 credit hours)
HIM 3200   Epidemiology & Biostatistics (3)
HIM 3400   Health Care Networks & Databases (3)
HIM 3450   Health Care Systems Analysis & Design (3)
HIM 3500   Biomedical Research Support (2)
HIM 4100   Health Information Services Management (3)
HAS 3230   Health Communication (3)
HAS 3240   Human Resource Develop. in Health Care (3)
HAS 3260   Health Care Administrative & Supervisory Theory (3)
HAS 3750   Health Care Financial Administration (3)

HAS 4860 Practicum/Internship (4)
OR
HIM 4990 Baccalaureate Thesis & Presentation (3)

Support Courses Required (7 credit hours)
IS&T 2010   Business Computer Skills (1)
IS&T 3110   Information Technology for Business (3)
ACTG 2010   Survey of Accounting I (3)

*One of the few BS programs in the western United States

Degree Requirements
General education requirements vary and are specified by each program. Students should consult with an advisor before selecting educational courses.

For more information on general education requirements, visit our Web site at www.weber.edu.

The Health Information Management and Technology programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).