TCC is Health Information Technology

Health information management professionals are experts in managing the quality, privacy and security of comprehensive health information and medical records. They serve as a critical link between health care providers, payers and health care consumers.

TCC offers an Associate Degree in Health Information Technology (HIT) preparing the student for a career in health information management. The program at TCC is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the national registry examination through AHIMA (American Health Information Management Association) to become a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).

Career options for the Health Information Technician include:

- **Coding & Reimbursement Specialist** (classification systems and prospective payment systems)
- **Clinical Data Specialist** (statistics and specialty registries, such as Cancer or Trauma)
- **Patient Information Coordinator** (release of information, confidentiality of protected health information and medical-legal aspects of documentation)
- **Data Quality Manager** (quality improvement for data integrity, and quality care/service monitoring and audits)
- **Document & Repository Manager** (retention and accessibility of health care data, and preparation and conversion to electronic health records)
- **Health Information Manager** (enterprise- or facility-wide line or staff manager for health information management services).

Job opportunities for RHITs exist in multiple settings throughout the healthcare industry including:

- Hospitals
- Physician’s Offices
- Clinics
- Home Health Agencies
- Hospices
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Rehabilitation Facilities
- Mental Health Facilities
- Health Information Exchange Networks (HIEs)
- Public Health Agencies
- In addition, RHITs may be employed in any organization that uses patient data or health information such as:
  - Insurance Companies
  - Law Firms
  - Veterinary Medical Schools
  - Software Vendors
  - Educational Facilities (HIM programs)
  - Pharmaceutical Companies

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the job outlook in medical records and for health information technicians is expected to grow much faster than average.

Full-time students can complete the Associate Degree program in two years (six semesters).