

# **HIT Program Application Packet**

## **Health Information Technology Online Program**

**Texas State Technical College** 

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### Welcome

Welcome to Texas State Technical College's (TSTC's) Health Information Technology program (HIT) and thank you for choosing this area of study. The HIT program is specifically designed to offer students the opportunity to earn the following:

• Health Information Technology program Associate in Applied Science Degree 60 credits, 5 semesters

The HIT program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management (CAHIIM). Upon successful completion of the HIT AAS degree, graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification exam to obtain credentials as a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).

The curriculum is designed to prepare each graduate to take an active role in the health information technology field, addressing specific learning outcomes outlined by CAHIIM. The curriculum also requires courses be taken in the areas of supporting sciences and general education.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, we are pleased that you are allowing us the opportunity to assist you as you pursue your education in the field of health information. I look forward to working with you and wish you the best of luck in your educational and career goals.

Sincerely, Sarah Brooks, RHIA Program Director, Health Information Technology Program Texas State Technical College – Abilene

### **Admission and Registration Checklist**

To assist with your admission and registration, please complete each of the following steps in order. Check off each step as it is completed.

- Go to <u>www.tstc.edu/apply</u> and submit a TSTC admissions application.
- Apply for financial aid by completing an application at <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>
- Contact previous colleges and high school, having them forward TSTC all official transcripts. Official transcripts must be sealed and from the Admissions Office of all previous colleges and high school.
- Take the TSI.
- If student is under the age of 22, he/she is required to submit proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination.
- Speak with an Enrollment Coach for advisement.
- Contact Sarah Brooks, Program Director, to be assigned program advisor to assist with registration process
- Submit required documentation to Program Advisor (see list below)
- Schedule interview with Program Advisor
- After the interview, the Program Advisor will supply the student with a "Projected Schedule" and register the student.
- Set up payment arrangements in Student Accounting or pay the balance with campus cashier.

### **Program Requirement Checklist**

To assist with the completion of program requirements, please complete each of the following steps in order. Check off each step as it is completed.

- TSI test scores (It is highly recommended students be TSI met in READ & WRIT prior to registration)
- o Set up interview with HIT program advisor
- Completed background check and drug screen
- Current Immunizations

### **Program Graduation Requirement**

To successfully complete the program, all courses must be passed with a 80% or above. This standard supports CAHIIM expectations for successful completion of outcomes on the national examination for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) credentials.

#### **<u>HIT Program Contact Information:</u>**

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