

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT: AAS

Associate in Applied Science | 60 credit hours minimum

Area of Interest: Health Professions

Program Website (<https://stlcc.edu/programs-academics/pathways/health-professions/health-information-management/>)

Academic Advising (<https://stlcc.edu/admissions/advising/>)

Program Description:

Health Information Management (HIM), Associate in Applied Science, program provides students with the technical skills and knowledge required to provide reliable and valid information essential to the health care industry. Health Information Management professionals may practice in health care, health information systems industry, health information management education programs, health finance and billing services, and in health information standards and policy development. Practices connect clinical, operational, and administrative functions in health care. Health Information Management professionals work on classification of diseases and interventions to ensure standardization for use in clinical settings.

This program prepares health information students to support health information management in an electronic environment (e-HIM) and adheres to the American Health Information Management Association's Framework for HIM education. This program offers a Data Management (DM) Track where students learn how to evaluate data sets for compliance with governance standards and a Revenue Management (RM) Track where students learn how to evaluate revenue cycle processes. This program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM).

Locations. This program is offered at Forest Park by taking a mixture of face-to-face and online courses.

Related Programs. The Health Information Management Department offers certificates in the following areas:

Clinical Coding Associate, Certificate of Specialization (<http://catalog.stlcc.edu/programs/clinical-coding-associate-cs/>)

Clinical Coding, Certificate of Proficiency (<http://catalog.stlcc.edu/programs/clinical-coding-certificate-proficiency/>)

Cost of Attendance. For more information on cost of attendance visit MoSCORES (<https://scorecard.mo.gov/Search/>).

Program Career and Salary Information. Pursuant to Missouri HB 1606 (2018), information regarding the number of credit hours, program length, employment rate, wage data, and graduates employed in careers related to their program of study at St. Louis Community College can be found at the following URL: <https://scorecard.mo.gov/scorecard/> (https://www.google.com/url/?q=https://scorecard.mo.gov/scorecard/&sa=D&ust=1555536894857000&usg=AFQjCNG1xf3E_i2lO96zEytILO-s5xaJCQ). Search using School / Program "St. Louis Community College" and choose the degree or credential type of interest.

The following limitations to the data apply: Information provided is based on the most recent cohorts available. Typically, most recent cohorts for wage and completion data are six years prior to the current academic year. Time to complete a program of study varies depending on the number of credit hours students earn per semester.

Interested in this program? Start the enrollment process by visiting the **Apply to STLCC** (<https://www.stlcc.edu/admissions/apply-to-stlcc/>) page.

At the completion of the program, students are expected to:

1. verify the quality of medical/health records for completeness, accuracy, and proper entry into computer systems.
2. explain legal regulations for the management, control, and disclosure of protected health information.
3. analyze data sets.
4. evaluate revenue cycle management processes.
5. analyze policies and procedures related to health information management to ensure medical, legal, and ethical compliance.
6. implement leadership, management, and decision making skills related to the health information management profession.

Missouri Civics Examination. Students entering college for the very first time in fall 2019 and who intend to complete an associate's degree must successfully complete a civics examination. **Information on who is eligible for a waiver can be found on the STLCC website** (<https://stlcc.edu/programs-academics/missouri-civics-exam.aspx>).

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education		
ENG 101	College Composition I (MOTR ENGL 100)	3
COM 101	Oral Communication I (MOTR COMM 100)	3
MTH 180	Introductory Statistics (MOTR MATH 110) (or MTH 180S or higher)	3
XXX xxx	Social & Behavioral Sciences: Civics Requirement (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/general-education/)	3
XXX xxx	CORE 42 Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/general-education/)	3
Foundation Courses		
BIO 215	Human Body Systems	5
HIM 101	Medical Terminology and Language	3
HIM 102	Electronic Health Management	2
HIM 103	Human Diseases and Pharmacology	3
Area of Concentration		
HIM 200	Data Structure, Content, and Governance of Health Information	5
HIM 202	Access, Use, Disclosure, Privacy and Security Protection of Health Information	5
HIM 205	Health Informatics and its Applications	5
HIM 204	Health Law Compliance	5
HIM 203	Revenue Cycle Management	5
HIM 209	Organizational Management Leadership	5

HIM 210	Professional Practice Experience	2
Total Credit Hours		60

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PLEASE NOTE: If you originally enrolled at STLCC prior to Fall 2025, you may need to view an **archived catalog** (<http://catalog.stlcc.edu/archived-catalogs/>) for your correct program requirements. Please speak with an advisor or the program coordinator for more information.

Full-Time Academic Plan

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Code	Title	Hours	Prerequisites	Milestones/Notes
First Year				
Fall				
BIO 215	Human Body Systems	5	Reading Proficiency	
HIM 102	Electronic Health Management	2	Reading Proficiency	Exploratory Course
HIM 101	Medical Terminology and Language	3	Reading Proficiency	
HIM 103	Human Diseases and Pharmacology	3	Concurrent or prior enrollment in BIO 215 and HIM 102 with minimum grades of "C", and Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	13		
Spring				
HIM 200	Data Structure, Content, and Governance of Health Information	5	HIM 101, HIM 102, and HIM 103 with minimum grades of "C"; and Reading Proficiency	
HIM 202	Access, Use, Disclosure, Privacy and Security Protection of Health Information	5	HIM 101, HIM 102, and HIM 103 with minimum grades of "C"; and Reading Proficiency	
XXX xxx	CORE 42 Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/general-education/)	3		Consider one of the following courses: COM 200, PSC 201, MCM 101, GEG 101, or PSY 200.
	Credit Hours	13		
Summer				
HIM 203	Revenue Cycle Management	5	HIM 202 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
MTH 180	Introductory Statistics (MOTR MATH 110) (or MTH 180S or higher)	3	Satisfactory scores on placement test, and Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	8		
Second Year				
Fall				
HIM 204	Health Law Compliance	5	HIM 203 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
HIM 205	Health Informatics and its Applications	5	MTH 180 (or MTH 180S) with minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
COM 101 or 107	Oral Communication I (MOTR COMM 100) or Public Speaking (MOTR COMM 110)	3	Concurrent enrollment in ENG 070 or Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	13		

Spring				
ENG 101 or 102	College Composition I (MOTR ENGL 100) or College Composition II (MOTR ENGL 200)	3	Placement score or ENG 030 or ENG 070 with a grade of "C" or better or recommendation of department and Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079	
XXX xxx	Social & Behavioral Science: Civics Requirement (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/general-education/)	3		
HIM 209	Organizational Management Leadership	5	Reading Proficiency	
HIM 210	Professional Practice Experience	2	Department approval and Reading Proficiency	Permission of Program Coordinator
	Credit Hours	13		
	Total Credit Hours	60		

Critical Courses: Critical courses are most important to a student's declared major and most strongly predict later success in the major. A critical course requires a minimal grade to progress to higher-level courses.

Gateway Courses: Gateway courses are courses in many career pathways that must be completed before progression in higher-level courses. These may be the same as critical and/or exploratory courses.

Exploratory Courses: Exploratory courses are first-semester courses that introduce the program and career field.

*Click on the hyperlinked course number to view additional information about the course.

**Students completing a course that has been assigned a MOTR number may transfer that course to any public institution in Missouri. Those who complete CORE 42 requirements will have that verification on their transcript.

*** It is your responsibility to verify that the courses listed above will transfer to the four-year institution of your choice. Maximize your transfer credits/classes by meeting with an academic advisor.