School of Career Education Program Learning Outcomes
From: AY18 Assessment Plan
Department: Career Education
Program Group: Health Information Management

Degree: AAS Health Information Management
The HIM Program provides a course of study, using primarily distance delivery methodology that prepares entry-level health information professionals. The HIM Program is accredited by the CAHIIM.
1. Graduates are eligible to write a national examination; successful completion of the examination leads to the professional credential of Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT).

Degree: Certificate, Coding Specialist
The Coding Specialist Certificate prepares students in the areas of inpatient and outpatient coding, billing, reimbursement methodologies and data quality.
1. The certificate articulates with the AAS degree and students are encouraged to continue to their AAS because HIM industry prefers students with the RHIT credential.

Degree: Certificate, Healthcare Privacy and Security
This certificate was created in response to the increased complexity of data disclosure, particularly the full implementation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This Privacy and Security Certificate prepares students for employment in data access and disclosure.
1. Students who complete this certificate are prepared to work in a variety of employment settings, particularly healthcare related facilities.
2. Currently, most HIM professionals must meet a minimum standard of 20 continuing education (CE) credits in a two year cycle, and half of these must be in 6 core areas, one of which is external environment, including regulatory issues.
3. The Healthcare Privacy and Security course HIM 289 also provides accredited professionals with CE opportunity.

Degree: Occupational Endorsement: Healthcare Information Technology
The Alaskan healthcare workforce needs to prepare its employees for the technology shift towards EHRs.
1. Courses train the healthcare workforce on the most current and emerging technologies including EHRs.
2. Students learn the most recent federal requirements in privacy and security.
3. Through this program students learn the fundamentals of healthcare information technology by focusing on the resources, devices, and methods used to acquire, store, retrieve and utilize electronic healthcare information.