

HEALTH STUDIES, ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (HSTU)

Effective: Fall 2016

The Associate of Applied Science in Health Studies is designed to offer students interested in working within the health care field an opportunity to attain the associate degree. Students acquiring this degree would be able to pursue advancement opportunities within varied health care settings. Examples of positions that would be applicable include: Billing Supervisor, Patient Service Representative, Medical Administrative Assistant, Medical Supply Manager and Allied Health Instructor. This program is especially advantageous for students who have completed certificates of competency and proficiency programs offered by the Allied Health and Nursing department and wish to complete a degreed course of study. The program offers a broad view of health care related topics while providing a basic liberal study foundation.

An Associate in Applied Science will be awarded upon completion of the program with a 2.0 GPA and a "C" or better in all Allied Health and Nursing (AHN) courses.

Upon completion of this curriculum students are eligible to sit for the CMRS (Certified Medical Reimbursement Specialist) exam. The CMRS designation is awarded by the Certifying Board of the American Medical Billing Association (CBAMBA).

Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the anatomical structure and physiological functioning of the human body and of medical terms descriptive of body systems.
- Perform the administrative duties required in a health care setting.
- Describe the ethical and legal issues related to health care delivery.
- Define the roles and responsibilities of various providers and disciplines throughout the continuum of health care.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the issues and practices applicable to health information including electronic health records.

Curriculum

First Semester		Hours
ENG 100	English Composition I	3
CS 100	Introduction to Information Technology	3
AHM 102	Introduction to Health Care	3
AHM 233	Medical Terminology	3
AHM 140	Professional and Communication Issues in Health Care	3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
COMM 100	Interpersonal Communication	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
AHM 104	Body Structure and Function I ¹	3
PSY 140	General Psychology	3
Select one of the following:		3
MAT 120	Modern College Mathematics	
MAT 121	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	
MAT 210	Statistics	
Hours		15

Third Semester		
AHM 105	Body Structure and Function II ¹	3
AHM 202	Fundamentals of Health Information Technology Science	3
AHM 130	Medical Coding Concepts for Allied Health	3
BIO 100	Biological Sciences	4
Open Elective		3
Hours		16
Fourth Semester		
AHM 241	Revenue Cycle Management and Reimbursement Methodologies	3
AHM 185	Medical Office Management	4
AHA 207	Ethical/Legal Aspects of Health Care Management	3
Two Open Electives		6
Hours		16
Total Hours		62

Notes

¹ BIO 150 and BIO 151 can be substituted for AHM 104 and AHM 105.

Career

Career Information for this Program

Health Studies (Associate in Applied Science)

Career Coach

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