

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

PURSUE YOUR INTEREST IN HEALTH CARE WITH A DEGREE FROM KAPLAN UNIVERSITY.

Do you have an interest in health care but are looking for options that do not necessarily include direct patient care?

An Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology from Kaplan University could open up new possibilities for you within a field that is expected to grow.¹

Kaplan University's goal is to create a dynamic environment for online learning. Our technology and course delivery methods allow you to access our user-friendly classes virtually anywhere you have an Internet connection.

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To enroll, call your Admissions Advisor today. For more information, visit studentcenter.kaplan.edu.



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OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH CARE ARE ON THE RISE.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, national long-term job growth for medical records and health information technicians is expected to be 20 percent from 2008 through 2018, which is much faster than the average for all occupations.²

As the aging population increases, so should the demand for medical records and health information technicians. These older age groups receive more tests and treatments that require documentation. In addition, increase in the overall number of medical tests, treatments, and procedures that will be performed could contribute to growth in the field.²

Now could be a great time to enter the health information technology field. Pursue an associate's degree from Kaplan University and prepare to make the most of these industry trends.



A DEGREE IN HEALTH INFORMATION COULD PROVIDE YOU WITH VERSATILITY.

Earning a degree in health information could allow you to pursue entry-level positions in various work environments including hospitals, physicians' offices, public health facilities, long-term care facilities, and insurance companies.¹

Characteristics Relevant to a Career in Health Information

- Attention to detail to ensure accurate and compliant medical records
- Solid communication skills to work with doctors and other health care clinicians when clarifying diagnoses and gathering supplementary information
- Respect for patient confidentiality as you handle sensitive information
- Ability to adapt to new technology or systems as you gather and analyze data, or work with electronic records or insurance filings
- A passion to change the way health care is delivered in the U.S.

POSSIBLE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES COULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:¹

- **Clinical coding specialist**—Apply diagnostic and procedural codes to patient records for future reference, analysis, or insurance processing
- **Cancer registrar**—Maintain and report on cancer statistics for various health care agencies
- **Patient information coordinator**—Communicate health information accurately among patients, families, and caregivers



ONLINE COURSEWORK BLENDS WITH ON-GROUND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES.

The objective of Kaplan University's Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology is to help prepare graduates with the knowledge, technical skills, and work habits to pursue entry-level positions in the field of health information management.¹

Curriculum Emphasis

- Processing, maintaining, compiling, and reporting health information data for patient care, reimbursement, facility planning, marketing, risk management, quality assessment, and research
- Medical coding and abstracting procedures
- Supervisory and legal aspects of health information
- Professional behaviors and problem solving
- Computer literacy in the above areas

Program Detail

Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology

- Credit Hours: 92
- Graduation Requirements: Prior to graduation, students are required to complete clinical training and a 90-hour externship at an actual health care facility to gain valuable on-the-job experience



HERE IS WHAT ONE STUDENT HAD TO SAY

Kelly Nelson⁴

- Kaplan University School of Health Sciences Graduate

“It is definitely challenging to complete the classes online because you have to be very disciplined. You have to be very organized. And you have to really keep a schedule. I think that really helped me prepare for the real world because, as a health and fitness coordinator, I'm a one-woman show. I'm the one in charge of making my schedule and making sure everything gets done. And because of my experience with Kaplan University, I was able to learn from that and use it in the real world.”

KAPLAN UNIVERSITY—A DIFFERENT SCHOOL OF THOUGHT[®]

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At Kaplan University, we are committed to your education, your goals—you. And, as part of our pledge to help you succeed, we're announcing a whole new way to try a Kaplan University degree program for yourself with no tuition obligation.

It's simple. You'll attend real classes for real credits. After an introductory period, if you decide we're right for you, and you meet our academic standards and other requirements, you'll continue on. If not, your obligation ends there. There's no tuition cost or other financial obligation, except for the nonrefundable application fee.⁵

WHY KAPLAN UNIVERSITY?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for active-duty servicemembers and veterans.
- Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.⁶

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

Bachelor of Science in:	Associate of Applied Science in:
› Health and Wellness	› Medical Assisting
› Health Care Administration	› Medical Office Management
› Health Science	› Medical Transcription
› Nutrition Science	

Note From Dean

"Education is about opportunity, and a health sciences education offers you the opportunity to gain exposure to a rapidly changing field. At Kaplan University's School of Health Sciences, we are committed to providing the training and skills you need to begin or advance a career in the health field. I hope you will join us."

Ginger Cameron

Ginger Cameron
Dean, School of Health Sciences



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

¹ Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, the University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any job, equipped to perform all the tasks noted, or eligible for job advancement opportunities. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

² Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook 2010–2011 Edition, Medical Records and Health Information Technicians, on the Internet at www.bls.gov/oco/ocos103.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

³ Kaplan University's Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology program is not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). To sit for American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) professional exams, students must successfully complete a formal educational program accredited by CAHIIM. AHIMA exams are not required for all career paths—it is the ultimate responsibility of the student to determine state and federal licensure and accreditation requirements.

⁴ Views and opinions stated herein are the individual's and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University.

⁵ Classes will count toward a student's degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period. The introductory period is five weeks, and begins on day one of the student's first academic term. If at any point during the introductory period a student chooses to opt out, he or she will have no other obligation to the University except for the application fee. Only available to new students; continuing students are not eligible.

⁶ Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.