

# PARKER UNIVERSITY

## HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Parker University is a nonprofit, regionally accredited university that offers an Associate of Applied Science with a major in Health Information Technology (AAS-HIT). The program prepares students to support a wide spectrum of health care providers with the adoption and use of electronic health records. Health information technologists make it possible for doctors and others to best manage patient care through the use of databases, registries, and other patient history resources.

### PARKER'S HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM CONSISTS OF:

- ▶ A curriculum that allows students to master one course each month
- ▶ Preparation for relevant certification and licensure examinations
- ▶ A total of 69 credit hours
  - 34 credit hours of general education courses
  - 35 credit hours of major core courses

### PARKER'S AAS IN HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM PREPARES ITS GRADUATES TO:

- ▶ Code, classify, and index diagnoses and procedures using ICD-10-CM/PCS, CPT, and HCPCS;
- ▶ Define and apply appropriate computerized and manual record management techniques for the maintenance of a quality health information system ensuring health information is complete, accurate, and accessible to appropriate users;
- ▶ Collect and analyze information related to health care delivery;
- ▶ Identify and apply legal and ethical principles to health information technology, maintain compliance with standards and regulations regarding health information;
- ▶ Identify and apply management techniques appropriate to health information technology.



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## WHY PARKER'S HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM?

- ▶ Earn your associate's degree in approximately two years
- ▶ A curriculum geared toward successfully passing Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) certification examination
- ▶ A flexible schedule that allows students to manage other personal and professional commitments



## ACCREDITATION

### SACS Accreditation

Parker University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award an Associate of Applied Science with a Major in Health Information Technology. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Parker University.



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## WHERE DO HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGISTS WORK?

Health information technologists are increasingly prevalent as the adoption of electronic health records continues to rise throughout the health care industry. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. will see a 15% job growth of HIT professionals through 2024—that's a projection of 217,600 jobs available. An Associate of Applied Science degree in Health Information Technology is especially relevant in Texas, as the health care industry is responsible for more than 15% of the state's annual employment growth.

### CAREER OUTLETS FOR PARKER UNIVERSITY'S HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GRADUATES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Private physician practices
- ▶ Nursing and residential care facilities
- ▶ Mental health facilities
- ▶ Government agencies

## WHY PARKER'S HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM?<sup>1</sup>



15% growth rate through 2024



217,600 projected employment through 2024



\$38,040 median income



*"I started at Parker University In January of 2013 and my experience at Parker has been exceptional. From the Professors, Faculty, Administrative offices and students, everyone has been extremely helpful. My Program Director Mr. Lintz, has been an amazing mentor and wants all of his students to succeed."*

- Derek Nowlin, Parker University HIT student

<sup>1</sup><http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-records-and-health-information-technicians.htm>