

# Health Information Technology - Admission Criteria

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Health Information Technology admits students prior to the start of each semester. Qualified applicants are offered slots as available.

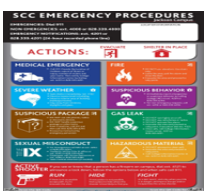
- Follow the Steps to [Apply and Enroll](#).
- Meet the [Testing requirements](#) and complete all required transition/support courses.
- Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0 on the most recent academic transcript for the last 10 hours of college credit. If you do not have college credits, your cumulative grade point average will be taken from your high school transcript.
- This program has **SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS** and can only accept 20 students each year. Applicants will be evaluated based on the [Health Sciences Admissions Rubric](#) after the Priority Deadline. Although the TEAS test is NOT required for admissions to this program, it can increase the likelihood that a student will be accepted into the program. Please talk with your advisor to determine your best course of action for admission.

Those individuals who are notified of provisional acceptance to the program must attend a mandatory orientation session and have SCC health forms completed by the appropriate medical personnel indicating the candidate is mentally and physically capable of performing the job duties required by this profession.

Once accepted into the program, students will be required to complete an onboarding process, which will include a criminal background check and drug testing prior to participation in the clinical component. If any clinical facility refuses to allow the student to participate in clinical experiences, for any reason, the student will not be able to progress in the program. Each student completing a health science program may be required, by an external agency, to submit a criminal background check and/or drug test prior to a state or national licensing/certification board approving the graduate to sit for exams.

Students may begin general education coursework prior to program admissions. See your advisor for acceptable general education substitutes. Additionally, students may take certificate coursework, where appropriate, prior to acceptance into a Selective Health Sciences program.

**ACCREDITATION** - The Health Information Technology AAS program, accreditor of Southwestern Community College is the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). The College's accreditation for Associate degree in Health Information Technology has been reaffirmed through 2027. All inquiries about the program's accreditation status should be directed by mail to CAHIIM, 200 East Randolph Street, Suite 5100 | Chicago, IL 60601; by phone at (312) 235-3255; or by email at [info@cahiim.org](mailto:info@cahiim.org).



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