

PLANNING/OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

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Purpose/Mission Statement:	Vision Statement: (3-5 years)
The purpose of the Health Information Technology (HIT) program is to provide educational opportunities that prepare students to meet the needs and expectations of the community we serve, to meet and fulfill the professional role of the health information practitioner and the vital role they play as part of the overall information infrastructure in today's ever changing health care industry and field, and to help prepare the student for their own professional growth and development. In addition, an educational opportunity for a Medical Coding Diploma is provided to meet the needs of our region.	It is the intent of the HIT program to provide our community of interest with qualified graduates who can respond to community needs and have a keen awareness of the rapidly changing health care industry and the trends and factors that influence it. The HIT faculty will continually survey and update a curriculum that promotes success and provides students with knowledge and skills to meet the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) domains and knowledge clusters for the registered health information technicians.

Program Strengths:	Program Weaknesses:
Faculty member with 6 years experience in teaching and a total of 19 years experience in the HIT field. Also, supportive clinical instructors to work with students in professional practice experiences. The program has realized an increased enrollment over the past 3 years.	The NC state budget has not allowed for all the upgrades to software or other technology that the program would like to utilize. Also, the budget has restricted hiring a second full-time instructor and we have had to rely on part-time instructors.

Program Opportunities:	Program Threats:
The accrediting body for this program has changed in the 2005 academic year. With this change comes new standards which will allow for an overhaul of the curriculum.	AB Tech Community College has been considering starting a new HIT program. This would possibly interfere with the clinical sites we currently utilize.

Goal #	Values for Teaching	College Goals	2005-2006 Department Outcomes/Goals	Success Criteria (e.g. outcomes, enrollment increases)	Plan of Action (including resources needed)
1			New graduates will find employment in the Health Information field within six months of graduating from the HIT program with an AAS degree, or they will continue their education through the articulation agreement with WCU.	80% of graduates will be employed in the Health Information field within six months of graduating from the HIT program with an AAS degree.	Monitor results of survey of graduates as conducted as part of the annual program review.

2		Employers will be satisfied with the entry-level skills of graduates from the HIT program.	95% of employers will indicate they are satisfied with the entry- level skills of graduates from the HIT program.	Monitor results of survey of employers as conducted as part of the annual program review.
3		Graduates of the HIT program will be prepared to successfully pass the registration exam required to become an RHIT.	90% of first time test takers will pass the RHIT exam on the first attempt.	Monitor test results from AHIMA - also monitor which sections of the exam present the greatest difficulty for SCC graduates.
4		Majors in the HIT program will demonstrate a satisfactory level of technical proficiency in this field	100% of successful second year students will demonstrate technical proficiency in this field by making a "C" or higher in the 200 level HIT courses.	Monitor grades of second year students.
5		Graduate enough students to meet community employment needs	80% of graduates from the area will be employed in the HIT field within 6 months of graduation from the HIT program. Retain 75% of students from first to second year.	Participate in two recruitment activities (career day, high school visits, HOSA fair,etc.) that produce a qualified applicant pool. Carefully monitor/advise/counsel students for early intervention.
6		Update the articulation agreement for the HIM program at WCU.	Articulation agreement will be monitored and changed as needed with the curriculum revisions at both SCC and WCU.	Review articulation agreement in progress with Dean of Health Sciences, VP of Instructional services and representatives of WCU.

Budget Item Description: (Budget items requested from college funds)	Current Year Budget:	Ongoing Operational Budget:	Expansion Budget:
Supplies-	\$278	\$278	\$400 (current DVDs on privacy and diseases)
Equipment-	\$0	\$0	\$100 (DVD player)
Travel	\$650	\$650	\$500 (additional conference)

Program Accreditation-	\$800	\$800	\$0
Other-	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTALS:	\$2628.00	\$2628.00	\$1000

Criteria Results Be sure to utilize most current data available	End of Year Analysis (Goals achieved, impact of equipment purchased, improvements to your program, contingencies, etc.) Describe how you used the results to improve your program

Mid-point Review

Progress Notes:
