

Thank you for visiting the Health Information Technology Program at Saddleback College. Here are the things you need to do to get started.

1. Complete the Health Information Technology Application found on website and turn into HS Division.
2. Complete the Petition for Course Substitution or Waiver (if applicable for students who wish to transfer courses in the HIT major (not general education) and return it to Division of Health Sciences & Human Services.
3. Set up an appointment with a Saddleback counselor at 949-582-4572 to discuss your academic plan, including any general education courses. If you have taken any of these courses elsewhere, you must verify with a counselor or me (for HIT courses) that they will be accepted as equivalent. The counselor will help you to map out your educational goal.
4. Complete preparatory requirements for the HIT Program: HSC 201-Medical Terminology and CIM 112-Microsoft Office.
5. Attend the Health Information Technology Information Meeting. Date(s) listed on HIT website.
6. If you do not have an associate degree, you should begin to take your Math and English classes along with other classes to meet general education graduation requirements. You may complete your general education coursework, parallel to the HIT Program courses. It is advisable to follow the suggested sequence of courses on the Saddleback College Health Information Technology Road Map.
7. To earn the Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree in Health Information Technology, students must complete BOTH HIT department requirements and General Education requirements. A previous Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree does not automatically meet general education requirements. All outside transcripts must be evaluated toward Saddleback College's requirements. In order to be eligible for the *RHIT* credential, you must earn the A.S. degree from Saddleback College.

Let me know if you need further information or have questions after reviewing this information.

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