

# Directory of Health Informatics and Related Programs in Georgia

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## Purpose

Georgia is a leader in the field of health informatics, ranked first for total HIT (Health Information Technology) revenues by the Healthcare Informatics HCI-100 list. Achieving this status is a direct result of the efforts of health informatics companies in the state, working with an educated and talented health informatics workforce. In order to maintain this level of prominence in the field, business leaders in HIT must maintain an ongoing dialogue with the educational systems and institutions providing the workforce. Therefore, the intention of this document is to make available program information and contacts to the educational community, providing opportunities to further develop Georgia's leadership in HIT.

## Process for Inclusion

Staff with the Center for Health Workforce Planning & Analysis contacted each institution in Georgia that is known to provide a program in health informatics or a related field to request that the institution submit information to be provided herein. This included programs in the state university system, the technical college system, and all aspects of the private sector. Multiple follow-up contacts were made and institutions that responded to our request and provided descriptions of their programs were included in this directory. In no cases, did staff generate descriptive materials on institutions included in this directory. As such, programs that did not provide the materials we requested, or that provided us with inappropriate materials do not have descriptive details. However, to ensure that this booklet is as comprehensive as possible, staff did include contact information for all known programs, regardless of the receipt of further information.

Given that this is the first time a directory on this subject has been created in Georgia, we feel that it is possible that programs were missed. Specializations or concentrations within degree programs are more difficult to find and thus may not be captured. Also, health informatics is a field that is rapidly growing, therefore there were programs under development at the time that this booklet was put together, and these could not be included. Please contact us to request your program be considered for future iterations of this document.

## Layout

This booklet provides information in the following manner: (1) a table to easily see which higher education institutions are offering programs in a particular area of health informatics; (2) descriptions and addresses of the institutions involved in providing the programs,

organized alphabetically; and (3) program descriptions with contact information organized by the type of health informatics program offered.

Of particular note regarding the information provided for the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) is that the institutions involved in offering health informatics programs provide a standardized curriculum. Therefore, a program's description is listed under the heading of Technical College System of Georgia with the institutions offering the program listed underneath.

### **For More Information**

A contact person for each of the programs has been provided; please contact them to seek more information on a particular program.

## Health Informatics and Related Programs Offered by Georgia Institutions

Academic Institution	Cancer Registry Management	Health Information Assisting	Health Information Technology					Medical Administrative Technology	Medical Coding/Billing	Medical Coding Specialist
	Associate Degree	Certificate	Diploma or Associate Degree	Bachelor Degree	Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	Master Degree	PhD	Diploma or Associate Degree	Certificate	Certificate
Albany Technical College			X							X
Altamaha Technical College									X	
American Professional Institute									X	
Athens Technical College			X							
Atlanta Technical College		X	X						X	
Augusta Technical College									X	
Bainbridge College								X		
Central Georgia Technical College									X	
Chattahoochee Technical College									X	
College of Coastal Georgia				X						
Columbus Technical College			X							X
Darton College	X		X						X	
DeVry University - Georgia			X							
Everest Institute - DeKalb									X	
Everest Institute - Jonesboro									X	

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Everest Institute - Norcross									X	
Georgia Northwestern Technical College			X						X	
Georgia State University				X*		X*	X*			
Gwinnett Technical College			X							
Heart of Georgia Technical College			X							
Iverson Business School									X	
Javelin Technical Training Center - Cobb									X	
Lanier Technical College										X
Laurus Technical Institute									X	
Lincoln College of Technology									X	
Macon State College			X	X						
Medical College of Georgia				X	X	X				
Ogechee Technical College			X						X	
Okefenokee Technical College			X							
Omnitech Institute									X	
Sanford-Brown Institute									X	

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Savannah Technical College										X
Southern Crescent Technical College			X							X
Southwest Georgia Technical College			X							
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College		X	X							X
West Georgia Technical College									X	

\*Specialization within a degree program

## Georgia Institutions Offering Health Informatics and Related Programs

### **Bainbridge College** 2500 EAST SHOTWELL ST. BAINBRIDGE, GA 39819

Bainbridge College offers an Associate of Applied Science Degree and Diploma in Medical Administrative Technology to meet the needs of service area health care providers. The Medical Administrative Technology program prepares students for various administrative duties and procedures in medical facilities. The program provides learning opportunities that introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Areas covered in this program are medical coding and billing, medical keyboarding and word processing, medical transcription, and many other medical office duties and procedures.

### **College of Coastal Georgia** 3700 ALTAMA AVE. BRUNSWICK, GA 31520

The Bachelor of Science in Health Informatics program offered at the College of Coastal Georgia is an interdisciplinary program that builds on the growing program strength and faculty foundations in business and public affairs, computer science and information technology, and nursing and health sciences. Our program requires a proficient understanding of information technology, data, records and information management, management and business processes, health care indicators, and the ability to analyze and synthesize data for problem solving. Students must meet all course requirements and satisfactorily complete a two semester-length internship and field experience. Outcomes of our student learning include using data to improve efficiencies, lower costs, improve quality, reduce errors, increase safety, and engage patients. Our course offerings and curricula were developed to align with the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education's (CAHIIM) curricular guidelines. Career success through lifelong learning and professional development is also emphasized.

### **Darton College** 2400 GILLIONVILLE RD. ALBANY, GA 31707

The Health Information Technology Program at Darton College offers three programs completely online. The Medical Coding Certificate program prepares students to work in the coding field, whether it is in a hospital, physicians' practice or as a consulting firm and are eligible to sit for a nationally recognized credential sponsored by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). The Associate Degree in Cancer Registry Management prepares students to work in many areas such as hospital-based cancer programs, central cancer registries, research clinical trials, quality management and others and graduates are eligible to sit for the Certified Tumor Registrar credentialing exam. The Associate Degree in HIT prepares students to work in various areas of health informatics such as health information, data or quality supervisors, coders, clinical documentation specialists, physician practice managers and graduates are eligible to sit for a nationally recognized credential sponsored by the AHIMA.

**DeVry University - Georgia** *1 WEST COURT SQ, DECATUR, GA 30030*

DeVry University – Georgia offers an Associate Degree in Health Information Technology. The curriculum addresses an array of health information related topics. Health information professionals are the gatekeepers of health information as it moves along the continuum of health care from the time a patient begins their course of care whether they are in an outpatient setting or an inpatient setting. This continuum also addresses the cost and payment of health care related services. The entire data collected along the continuum of care is associated with and maintained in the patient’s medical record. This data is then turned into information through health informatics. Our courses ensure that students understand this process and the systems used to turn data into information. The knowledge base a student acquires after completing our two year associates degree program prepares them to meet the employer’s needs on the broad spectrum presented in the health information profession.

**Georgia State University** *PO BOX 3988 ATLANTA, GA 30302*

Georgia State University’s Robinson College of Business offers specializations in Health Informatics at the Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Ph.D. levels. This HI program was established in Fall 2007 and is a joint venture of two business school departments - the national ranked Computer Information Systems and Health Administration departments. At the undergraduate level, GSU offers a Bachelor of Business Administration, Computer Information Systems major with a specialization in Health Informatics. At the master’s level GSU offers three programs: a Master of Information Science, a Master of Science in Health Administration, and a Master of Business Administration each with a Health Informatics concentration. At the doctoral level GSU offers a Ph.D. in Business Administration (Information Systems) also with a specialization in Health Informatics. In addition, the GSU Byrdine F Lewis School of Nursing, College of Health and Human Sciences, offers a master’s degree concentration in nursing leadership and informatics.

**Macon State College** *100 COLLEGE STATION DR. MACON, GA 31206*

Macon State College offers three degrees that address the needs of today’s healthcare industry. The School of Nursing and Health Sciences offers an Associate of Science in Health Information Technology (HIT) and a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management (HIM). The School of Information Technology offers a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with a concentration in Health Informatics. The Associate of Science Degree in HIT includes study in medical science, coding, quality management, and health care data management. The Bachelor of Science degree in HIM, includes study in medical science, health informatics, electronic health record, privacy and security, and health care data management. The Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, with a concentration in Health Informatics, provides its graduates a solid foundation in information technology and the healthcare industry. Graduates take courses in network administration, information security, project management, database administration, and software development.

**Medical College of Georgia** *1120 FIFTEENTH ST. AUGUSTA, GA 30912*

The Department of Health Informatics at the Medical College of Georgia offers three programs online and on campus: Bachelor of Science in Health Information Administration (HIA), Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in HIA, and Master of Public Health in Informatics (iMPH). The HIA programs prepare students for health informatics roles such as clinical data specialist, data quality manager, information security manager, and data resource administrator. The iMPH program provides an integrated education experience encompassing public health, health informatics and health care administration. Graduates of the HIA programs are eligible to take a national credentialing exam to become a Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) and the iMPH students have the option of taking additional courses to become eligible for the RHIA exam. The programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM) and the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

**Technical College System of Georgia** *MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT GEORGIA*

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) offers certificates, diplomas and associate’s degrees in multiple health informatics fields including: Health Information Technology, Health Information Assisting and Medical Coding. Students in the Health Information Technology program are prepared with technical knowledge and skills which enable them to work with health information data while recognizing legal, accreditation, licensure and certification standards for reimbursement. Additionally, students are taught skills in planning, marketing, and quality management among others preparing them for supervisory roles in healthcare. The Health Information Assisting program offers basic training in anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, communications, word processing, medical/physicians procedural coding skills, and an introduction to health information technology. The Medical Coding program provides basic training in anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, and medical/physicians procedural coding skills. Each of the TCSG institutions offering these programs provide a standardized curriculum which can be accessed at multiple locations, including the following:

**Albany Technical College**

1704 South Slappey Blvd.  
Albany, GA 31701-2648

**Atlanta Technical College**

1560 Metropolitan Pkwy. SW  
Atlanta, GA 30310

**Augusta Technical College**

3200 Augusta Tech Dr.  
Augusta, GA 30906

**Athens Technical College**

800 U.S. Hwy. 29 N  
Athens, GA 30601-1500

**Altamaha Technical College**

1777 West Cherry St.  
Jesup, GA 31545

**Central Georgia Technical College**

3300 Macon Tech Dr.  
Macon, GA 31206

**Chattahoochee Technical College**  
980 S. Cobb Drive  
Marietta, GA 30060

**Columbus Technical College**  
928 Manchester Expressway  
Columbus, GA 31904-6572

**Georgia Northwestern Technical College**  
1 Maurice Culberson Drive  
Rome, GA 30161-6757

**Gwinnett Technical College**  
5150 Sugarloaf Parkway  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043-5702

**Heart of Georgia Technical College**

560 Pinehill Road  
Dublin, GA 31021

**Ogeechee Technical College**  
1 Joe Kennedy Blvd.  
Statesboro, GA 30458-8049

**Okefenokee Technical College**  
1701 Carswell Avenue  
Waycross, GA 31503

**Savannah Technical College**  
5717 White Bluff Rd.  
Savannah, GA 31405

**Southern Crescent Technical College**

501 Varsity Road  
Griffin, GA 30223

**Southwest Georgia Technical College**  
15689 U.S. Hwy. 19 N  
Thomasville, GA 31792

**United Education Institute**  
1564 Southlake Parkway  
Morrow, GA 30260

**Wiregrass Georgia Technical College**  
4089 Val Tech Road  
Valdosta, GA 31602

**West Georgia Technical College**  
176 Murphy Campus BLVD  
Waco, GA 30182

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### Additional Institutions

**American Professional Institute**  
141 Sams St.  
Decatur, GA 30030

**Everest Institute – Decatur**  
2460 Wesley Chapel Rd  
Decatur, GA 30035

**Everest Institute – Jonesboro**  
6431 Tara Blvd.  
Jonesboro, GA 30236

**Everest Institute – Norcross**  
1750 Beaver Run Rd.  
Norcross, GA 30035

**Iverson Business School**  
6685 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.  
Atlanta, GA 30360

**Javelin Technical Training Center  
– Cobb**  
4501 Circle 75 Pkwy. Suite D-4100  
Atlanta, GA 30339

**Laurus Technical Institute**  
523 Church St.  
Decatur, GA 30030

**Lincoln College of Technology**  
2359 Windy Hill Rd. SE  
Marietta, GA 30067

**Omnitech Institute**  
4319 Covington Hwy. Suite 202  
Decatur, GA 30035

**Sanford-Brown Institute**  
1140 Hammond Dr.  
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

## Programs Offered at Georgia Institutions

### Cancer Registry Management

#### ❖ Associate Degree

#### Darton College

Darton College offers an associate degree in Cancer Registry Management. The program is accredited by the National Cancer Registry Association, and allows the graduates to sit for the Certified Tumor Registrar credentialing exam. There is tremendous potential for growth as accurate, timely data increasingly impacts cancer control and prevention efforts. Cancer Registrars who possess management and administrative skills, knowledge of medical sciences, programming, database management and data retrieval and analysis skills will find a ready market for these skills. Employment opportunities for credentialed CTRs are in such areas as hospital-based cancer programs, central cancer registries, cancer research clinical trials, quality management, consulting firms and registry software companies.

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## Health Information Assisting

### ❖ Certificate

#### **Technical College System of Georgia**

The Health Information Assistant Technical Certificate of Credit program provides short-term training which prepares students to be Patient Information/Access Representatives in a variety of healthcare facilities. The program offers basic training in anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, communications, word processing, medical/physicians procedural coding skills, and introduction to health information technology. The curriculum provides both advanced training in health information for persons who want to develop these skills to enhance their job performance and entry-level training for individuals interested in entering this field. Health Information Assistants manage the flow of information in doctors' offices and other health care establishments, set up appointments, organize paperwork and distribute information via mail, telephone and email. Health Information Assistants use desktop publishing programs and digital graphics to make spreadsheets, manage data and create documents on computers. They also communicate with vendors, inspect leased supplies and organize stockrooms. They are often responsible for training new employees.

#### **Atlanta Technical College**

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#### **Wiregrass Georgia Technical College**

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## Health Information Technology

### ❖ Diploma/Associate Degree

#### **Darton College**

Darton College offers an associate degree program in Health Information Technology. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education in association with the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination given by the AHIMA. The health information technician is awarded the professional credential of Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT), upon successful completion of the examination. The RHIT plays an important role in helping the healthcare system work. They perform the data collection and analysis needed by healthcare professionals to do their jobs well. The RHIT is a key part of quality patient care and must use diverse talents which combine patient care, technology and management. RHITs are employed in many areas including, hospitals and physician practices, clinics, law firms, consulting firms, insurance companies, health data organizations, information system vendors and health maintenance organizations.

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#### **Macon State College**

The Associate of Science Degree in Health Information Technology (HIT) includes study in medical science, coding, quality management, and health care data management. This mix of disciplines is important for the preparation of managers who will work in every sector of the health care industry - wherever information is collected, utilized or maintained. Health Information Technology professionals collect, analyze, integrate and disseminate information that steers the health care industry. A career in Health Information Technology combines health care, management and technology and emerging HIT roles are highly technological, with opportunities ranging from coder to clinical data manager. The Health Information Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs in cooperation with the Council on Accreditation of the American Health Information Management Association. Health Information Technology courses are available during the day and evening. Courses are offered online and in the traditional classroom setting.

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### Technical College System of Georgia

The Health Information Technology degree program is a sequence of courses designed to provide students with the technical knowledge and skills necessary to process, maintain, analyze, and report health information data according to legal, accreditation, licensure and certification standards for reimbursement, facility planning, marketing, risk management, utilization management, quality assessment and research. Program graduates will develop leadership skills necessary to serve in a functional supervisory role in various components of the health information system.

#### Albany Technical College

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#### Athens Technical College

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#### Atlanta Technical College

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#### Columbus Technical College

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#### Georgia Northwestern Technical College

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#### Gwinnett Technical College

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#### Ogeechee Technical College

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#### **❖ Bachelor Degree**

### **College of Coastal Georgia**

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### **DeVry University - Georgia**

This Health Information Technology degree program at DeVry University-Georgia follows a curriculum based on current associate degree entry-level competencies outlined by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Our students have access to up-to-date coding and chart management lab software 24/7, and the opportunity for professional practice experience, including two practicum. DeVry's Health Information Technology program prepares graduates to work with health data, application systems, and electronic health information databases. They are also prepared for involvement regulatory compliance and quality assessment activities designed to ensure that health information systems support patient care and safety. They work with nurses, physicians, other healthcare

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### **Wiregrass Georgia Technical College**

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providers and managers and technical specialist in a variety of settings such as hospitals, long-term care facilities, insurance, and managed care organizations, government agencies and vendor firms.

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### **Georgia State University**

At the undergraduate level, Georgia State University's Robinson College of Business offers a Bachelor of Business Administration, Computer Information Systems major with a specialization in Health Informatics. The Department of Computer Information Systems (CIS) has earned recognition as one of the top programs in the world in terms of leading-edge research productivity.

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### **Macon State College**

The Bachelor of Science degree in Health Information Management (HIM) includes study in medical science, information systems management, privacy, reimbursement, electronic health record, personnel management and health care data management. This mix of disciplines is important for the preparation of managers who will work in every sector of the health care industry - wherever information is collected, utilized or maintained. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program in cooperation with the Council on Accreditation of the American Health Information Management Association. Job opportunities in Health Information Management are increasing as more paperwork, generated by the medical and business sides of health care, is converted to computerized form and used to improve the quality of patient care and the efficiency of delivery systems. HIM professionals are responsible for gathering, analyzing, integrating and managing the information that steers America's health-care industry.

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## **Macon State College**

The Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with a concentration in Health Informatics provides a solid foundation in information systems and the technologies used by healthcare organizations. The course curriculum connects information technology (IT) to the field of healthcare and prepares its graduates to develop and support information technology solutions and strategies for employers in the healthcare industry. Graduates take upper level information technology courses in network administration, information security, project management, database administration, and software development. In addition, graduates gain knowledge of the healthcare industry by taking courses through the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. In 2009, the United States Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which provides financial incentives to healthcare providers to implement electronic health records. Because few healthcare organizations currently have these systems in place, Macon State College's graduates are prepared and available to address this workforce need.

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## **Medical College of Georgia**

The bachelor of science degree in health information administration (HIA) is a "2+2" program – students complete two years of liberal arts and sciences courses at another accredited college or university and then transfer to MCG where they receive four semesters of online or traditional face-to-face specialty education in health information administration. The 69 semester credit curriculum trains students in the art and science of collecting, organizing, retaining, and disseminating health information to support patient care, reimbursement, research, quality improvement and compliance with privacy and security rules. The curriculum addresses the competencies necessary to design, implement, and manage electronic health record systems. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the national Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) exam. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

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## ❖ Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

### Medical College of Georgia

The post-baccalaureate certificate in health information administration (HIA) is open to students who are licensed or registered in nursing (bachelor's level) or have a bachelor's degree in an allied health profession, business administration or computer science. This three-semester program trains students in the art and science of collecting, organizing, retaining, and disseminating health information to support patient care, reimbursement, research, quality improvement and compliance with privacy and security rules. The curriculum addresses the competencies necessary for preparing professionals with the skills to design, implement, and management electronic health record systems. Graduates of this health informatics program are eligible to take a national credentialing exam to become a Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA). The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education.

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## ❖ Master Degree

### Georgia State University

At the master's level Georgia State University's Robinson College of Business offers three programs: a Master of Information Science, a Master of Science in Health Administration, and a Master of Business Administration each with a Health Informatics concentration. As health care represents the largest single sector of the economy, and many students will ultimately assume professional roles in fields that interact with health care in some manner. Health administration careers are available in many businesses and health care organizations in areas such as hospital and health system administration, physician practice management, consulting, research, marketing, information systems, managed care administration, finance, accounting, compliance, and human resources management. In preparation for those careers, the Institute of Health Administration provides high quality graduate programs for education, research, and career development in healthcare administration and management across the full range of contemporary healthcare organizational settings.

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### **Georgia State University**

The Georgia State University Byrdine F Lewis School of Nursing, College of Health and Human Sciences, offers a degree concentration in nursing leadership and informatics. As healthcare strives to become more efficient, particularly through the use of technology, a need has arisen for nurses who understand both patient care and how technology can be used to improve care. With this increased use of technology, including the transition to personal health cards for all citizens by 2014, nurse informaticists who can translate technology into practice are in great demand. Areas of concentration include: nursing administration or technology/nursing informatics. In addition to providing a strong foundation in administration or technology/nursing informatics, this program emphasizes leadership development, advanced nursing perspectives, innovative change processes, and issues of health disparities.

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### **Medical College of Georgia**

The Master of Public Health in Informatics (iMPH) program builds on three core areas: public health, health informatics and healthcare administration. The 53-semester credit (five semesters) curriculum addresses the public health and health informatics competencies published by The Association of Schools of Public Health, the Council on Accreditation of Health Informatics and Health Information Administration, and the Public Health Informatics Competency Working Group of the Centers for Disease Control. The program prepares leaders who manage, analyze, disseminate, and apply information to enhance wellness and quality of life for individuals and communities. Graduates will manage information of health care organizations, public health agencies, health data organizations, research institutes and private industries. The program is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

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## ❖ Doctor of Philosophy

### Georgia State University

Georgia State's Robinson College of Business offers a Ph.D. in Business Administration (Information Systems) with a Health Informatics specialization. The Institute of Health Administration provides high quality graduate programs for education, research, and career development in healthcare administration and management across the full range of contemporary healthcare organizational settings.

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## Medical Administrative Technology

### ❖ Diploma/Associate Degree

#### **Bainbridge College**

Bainbridge College offers an Associate of Applied Science Degree and Diploma in Medical Administrative Technology to meet the needs of service area health care providers. The Medical Administrative Technology program prepares students for various administrative duties and procedures in medical facilities. The program provides learning opportunities that introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. Areas covered in this program are medical coding and billing, medical keyboarding and word processing, medical transcription, and many other medical office duties and procedures. Program graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Medical Administrative Technology.

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## Medical Coding

### ❖ Certificate

#### **Darton College**

The Health Information Program at Darton College includes a certificate in Medical Coding. Medical Coding Certificate Program graduates are eligible to sit for the CCA (Certified Coding Associate) examination, a nationally recognized credential sponsored by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Medical Coders review patient records and assign numeric codes for each diagnosis and procedure. The codes are then used for reimbursement for healthcare services. The Medical Coding Certificate program is designed to prepare graduates for entry-level coding positions. Coders are employed in a wide variety of healthcare settings, both inpatient and outpatient.

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#### **Technical College System of Georgia**

The Medical Coding Technical Certificate of Credit provides a basic short-term academic credential with potential for future program credit. The curriculum provides advanced training in coding skills for persons wanting to progress in their occupations or who want to prepare for full-time or part-time employment in the medical field. The Medical Coding Technical Certificate of Credit program provides basic training in anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, and medical procedural and physicians procedural coding skills.

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## Medical Coding Specialist

### ❖ Certificate

#### Technical College System of Georgia

The Medical Coding Specialist Technical Certificate of Credit program provides specialized training in the Medical Assisting/Healthcare Management field. The program offers basic training in anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, basic computer skills, word processing, ICD-9-CM and CPT/HCPCS coding.

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