Health Information Technology (HIT) is a demanding, growing profession that requires specialized skills. Studies by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Education and other sources project that as many as 50,000 additional HIT professionals may be needed over the next five years to support the implementation of electronic health records in the United States. Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) is part of the Midwest Community College HIT consortium and can provide you with the skills, confidence and connections you will need to thrive in the HIT field.

PROGRAM SPECIFICS AT WCCCD
The program offers both campus-based and distance education courses, including evening and weekend scheduling. WCCCD focuses on job-specific training in four workforce roles to support electronic health records implementation which are indicated listed below:

- Clinician/Practitioner Consultants
- Technical/Software Support Staff
- Implementation Support Specialists
- Trainers

During Fall 2010, WCCCD will launch the Clinician/Practitioner Consultants and Implementation Support Specialists Certificate Programs. The salary ranges for the above mentioned positions are between $12.46 - $20.25 per hour.

In addition to “hard” technical skills, the Midwest HIT training program will incorporate up to 40 hours of “soft” skills training, which includes problem solving, decision making, time management, etc.

ADMISSION CRITERIA
Minimum Requirements:
- Associates degree or equivalent
- Assessment and/or Interview

Preferred Qualifications:
- Two years IT or health related work experience

Scholarships:
- THIS IS NOT AN INCOME BASED PROGRAM.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES
Though job placement is not guaranteed, the consortium is developing strong partnerships with regional extension centers and workforce investment programs, as well as physician practices and software vendors/consultants, to help students establish the contacts they need that will lead to job opportunities.

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