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Missouri State-West Plains is a teaching and learning institution providing quality post-secondary educational opportunities to the communities we serve.



Associate of Applied Science
in Health Information Technology

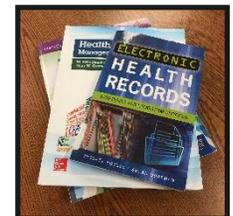
Certificates
Medical Billing & Coding
Medical Office Administrative Assistant
Electronic Health Records Specialist



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Missouri State-West Plains offers certificates, associate's degrees and serves as a delivery site for bachelor's and master's degrees offered by Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri.



Program Summary

In 2013, Missouri State University-West Plains was awarded the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant (TAACCCT).

This grant funding will provide a means to enable Missouri Trade Act, Veterans, unemployed, underemployed, dislocated and other disadvantaged learners to obtain the education and training necessary to productively enter or re-enter the workforce.

Missouri State University-West Plains, through these education and training programs, provides the opportunity for individuals to earn credentials that prepare them for higher-wage, high-skill and high demand occupations. The design for the education and training programs is one that provides a pathway for continued movement for participants toward higher or stackable credentialing as a means to improve academically, professionally and economically to meet Missouri workforce need and reinforce the economical infrastructure of the state.

The Department of Labor is implementing the TAACCCT program in partnership with the Department of Education.

What Type of Work Will I Do?

HIT technicians are health care professionals in charge of processing patient data. They ensure quality, accuracy, accessibility and security in both paper and electronic systems.

What Is The Employment Outlook

For **Health Information Technology**, the State and National trends have risen more than 22% nationally and 12% in Missouri over the past 10 years.

For **Medical Office Administrative Assistants** about 36% between 2012 and 2022, which is much faster than the average growth for all occupations. Job prospects are particularly good for those looking to work in physicians' offices and surgical hospitals.

For **Medical Records and Health Specialists**. Employment growth is projected to be 36%. In May 2014, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that technicians earned a median annual salary of \$35,900.

Where Would I Work?

Although most graduates with this degree work in hospitals, they are also found in other healthcare settings including office-based physician practices, nursing homes, home health agencies, mental health facilities and public health agencies.

Do I need to be certified?

Although certification is not required, certified technicians may have a better chance at getting a job. The student who completes the requirements of this program will be eligible to take a nationally recognized exam for certification.

Our Partners

South Central Workforce Investment Board and the Missouri Job Center are grant partners and may be able to assist you with financial aid and supportive services to help you reach your educational and employment goals.

Whether you are dealing with job loss, career changes or planning for your future, there are many resources available!

Contact the West Plains Job Center at (417) 256-3158 and begin your exploration.



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