HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Employment of medical records and health information technicians is expected to grow as fast as the average for all occupations through 2021 because of rapid growth in the number of medical tests, treatments, and procedures that will be increasingly scrutinized by health insurance companies, regulators, courts, and consumers. An aging population will require more medical services, and health information technicians will be needed to organize and manage the older generations’ health information data. Moreover, the number of individuals who have access to health insurance is expected to continue to increase because of federal health insurance reform.

Additional records, coupled with widespread use of electronic health records (EHRs) by all types of healthcare providers, will lead to an increased need for technicians to organize and manage the associated information in all areas of the healthcare industry.

Most employers prefer to hire Registered Health Information Technicians (RHIT). Accreditation is obtained by passing a written examination offered by the American Medical Record Association. To take the examination, a person must be a graduate of a 2-year accredited associate degree program.

Employment Information

Greater Kansas City Area: In 2016, those in the health information technology field held an estimated 1,948 jobs in the fifteen counties that make up the Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), with 2,102 projected by 2021 (+7.9%).

State: Those in the health information technology field held an estimated 2,261 jobs in Kansas in 2016, with 2,448 jobs projected by 2021 (+8.3%).

National: About 202,588 jobs were held by those in the health information technology field in 2016, with 220,046 jobs projected by 2021 (+8.6%).

Salary Information

Greater Kansas City Area: Medical record and health information technicians employed in the Greater Kansas City area earned an average hourly wage of $17.56 in 2016.

State: Medical record and health information technicians in Kansas earned an average hourly wage of $15.78 in 2016.

National: Medical record and health information technicians working full-time earned an average hourly wage of $18.19 in 2016.

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JCCC Placement and Salary Information

The JCCC Office of Institutional Research conducts a follow-up study of program completers one year after completion. Seventy-six percent of the graduates who responded to the follow-up study conducted during 2015-16, and were employed, were employed in a job related to their field and reported an average hourly wage of $25.09.

Note: Salary Information for Greater Kansas City, State, and National is based on EMSI 2016 third quarter data. JCCC information for career program completers is based on data supplied by respondents to follow-up studies and is not necessarily representative of all career program completers. Other sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics