**Program Description:**
The Healthcare Informatics curriculum prepares individuals for employment as specialists in installation, data management, data archiving/retrieval, system design and support, and computer training for medical information systems. Students study the field through multidisciplinary coursework including the study of terminology relating to informatics, systems analysis, networking technology, computer/network security, data warehousing, archiving and retrieval of information, and health care computer infrastructure support.

**Career Outlook:**
Job prospects should be very good. Employment of medical records and health information technicians is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2012, due to rapid growth in the number of medical tests, treatments, and procedures that will be increasingly scrutinized by third-party payers, regulators, courts, and consumers (www.bls.gov).

**Salary Forecast:**
For the most current salary information please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics “Occupational Outlook Handbook” found at www.bls.gov/ooh/.

**Employment Opportunities:**
Areas of employment include database/data warehouse analysts, technical support professionals, informatics technology professionals, systems analysts, networking and security technicians, and computer maintenance professionals in the healthcare field.

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**HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 60**

Earn A Degree Graduate Early (EDGE):
This program provides students the opportunity to receive credit for their high school EDGE courses.

¹Application Process for Health Information Technology: File a Mountwest Community & Technical College application provided by the Office of Admission. File a Health Information Technology Program application provided by the HIT Program Coordinator in the spring of the first year in the program prior to starting classes in the fall. Submit a complete HIT Observation Form verifying a minimum of 20 hours of observation.

**Academic Policy for Health Information Technology: Each HIT course must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. Students earning a grade of less than “C” in an HIT course must repeat the course. Evidence of a current satisfactory health record must be submitted prior to participation in the Directed Practice Experience. Students are responsible for transportation to and from the Directed Practice sites.

¹ AH 151, COM 112 and COM 125 have a prerequisite of REA 098 or placement in 100-level reading.
² HIT 206 has a prerequisite of MAT 096 or placement in 100-level mathematics.
³ IT 102 has a prerequisite of IT 101.
⁴ HINF 201 has a prerequisite of HIT 206, HINF 101, and HINF 102.
⁵ IT 250 has a prerequisite of IT 101 or IT 102.
⁶ HINF 202 has a prerequisite of HINF 101 and HINF 102.
⁷ HIT 218 has a prerequisite of HIT 203 and HIT 204.
⁸ IT 210 has a prerequisite of IT 120.