

Cancer Data Management Certificate in Applied Science

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Cancer Data Management program at Greenville Technical College is to provide our graduates with the skills and knowledge required by our community of employers to perform the many and varied functions required of cancer registries.

Entrance Requirements:

To enroll in this certificate program, students must have a minimum of an associate degree. Students who do not have an associate degree must also be enrolled in the General Technical associate degree with a concentration in either Health Information Management or Information Systems Technology.

Type of Program:

Online coursework and a 160 hour practicum in a Cancer Data Management setting

Professional Credentials:

Upon completion of the Cancer Data Management Certificate, students with an Associate's Degree are eligible to write the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) Council on Certification examination for certification as a Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR).

Program Accreditation:

The Cancer Data Management Certificate in Applied Science program at Greenville Technical College is accredited by the National Cancer Registrars Association.

Employment Opportunities:

Working in a Cancer Registry Program or organizations or companies that support cancer registration.

- Cancer registry careers involve collecting, managing and analyzing incidences of cancer in hospital-based and population-based registries. Data is collected for research, quality management, cancer program development, prevention and surveillance, survival and outcome. Cancer registries comply with established reporting standards and accreditation standards for cancer registration. Examples of day to day responsibilities include
 - Collecting cancer data for clinical outcomes and research
 - Preparing reports for physicians and administrators
 - Tracking patient treatment plans
 - Ensuring data meets state and national standards
 - Enforcing patient privacy to prevent violations
- Cancer Data Management (CDM) course work is available online only. The Cancer Data Management certificate includes one practicum course (CDM 260). The practicum course requires that students spend 160 hours in a CDM setting. CDM Practicum clinical assignments are required in Phase II and may require travel outside the Greenville area. Students are expected to be able to travel to, and arrange accommodations for, the CDM Practicum. CDM Practicums are arranged by the program faculty and are completed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.
- Eligibility Requirements:
 - Completion of the CDM Career Talk
 - Attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 and pass all courses with a "C" or better
 - Complete the mandatory CDM new student orientation
 - Submit a physical exam form with documentation of required immunizations. (See details in the School of Health Sciences admissions requirements.)
 - Submit a signed criminal background release form
- Before beginning the practicum, students must
 - Have a negative 10 panel drug screen
 - Have a crime free criminal background report
 - Complete the mandatory CDM practicum orientation.

Recommended Program Schedule

First Semester

AHS	102	Medical Terminology	3.0
CDM	110	Cancer Registry Management I	3.0
CDM	120	Cancer Disease Management	3.0
HIM	110	Health Information Science I	3.0

Second Semester

BIO	210	Anatomy and Physiology I	4.0
CDM	130	Abstracting Principles and Practices I	2.0
CDM	220	Oncology Coding and Staging Systems	3.0

Third Semester

BIO	211	Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0
CDM	230	Abstracting Principles and Practices II	2.0
CDM	210	Cancer Registry Management II	3.0
HIM	135	Medical Pathology	3.0

Fourth Semester

CDM	250	Cancer Statistics and Epidemiology	3.0
CDM	260	Cancer Data Management Practicum	4.0

Total Required Credit Hours:

40.0

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