Health Informatics Degree
Fall 2015

Expand Career Opportunities with Health Informatics Degree through Frontier Community College

Jody Peach – NEW Instructor
Frontier Community College in Fairfield has hired Jodi Peach of Albion as the full-time faculty for the Health Informatics program. She will begin her duties in August with the start of the 2015 fall semester.

As a Registered Nurse and the Clinic Manager at Albion Community Health, a branch of Christopher Rural Health Corporation, Peach clearly understands what Health Informatics entails. At Albion Community Health, Peach supervises two full-time nurses and three office staff. Her work day may involve talking with patients, dealing with medical records, drawing labs, and assisting the nurses. She is also involved with scheduling, budgeting, and billing.

What is Health Informatics?
The Health Informatics program is a two-year Associate in Applied Science degree that leads to employment in a healthcare setting such as a hospital, physician’s office, nursing home, home health, or private industry. Health Informatics is a growing field that blends together medical terminology, computer technology, and electronic health records. Under the new healthcare initiative, doctors and healthcare facilities are required to create electronic health information records.

“Health Informatics can seem overwhelming at first,” stated Peach. “But I’m excited about helping the students gain a strong foundation in medical terminology, a good understanding of the health informatics system, and a look into the whole picture. Then when they begin working, they will know the lingo, how to move around in the system, and will be able to connect it all together.”

Job Opportunities
Job opportunities in Health Informatics can include record keeping, coding and billing, and health information. In record keeping, the employee will copy records and send to insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid, and private business. The employee may also requests a patient’s records from an outside agency. In Health information, the employee receives x-rays, labs, EKGs, or other test results and will import that data into the patient’s electronic health record.

“I am looking forward to the challenge of teaching students in a classroom setting,” stated Peach. “I hope to use my healthcare experience to show the students that there are many opportunities in health informatics and to stress that it isn’t just a degree but that it can be a rewarding career by helping others.”
Fall Class Schedule
The 2015 fall semester begins August 20. Students who enroll in the Health Informatics program, will attend classes three days a week. The fall semester class schedule is as follows:

Monday:       9am-11:50am  Healthcare Delivery Systems    Jodi Peach
             12:30-4pm    Healthcare Data Management       Jodi Peach
Wednesday:    9am-11:40 am  Intro to Medical Terminology  Becky Carter.
             6pm-8:40pm  Business Computer Systems         Angel Maguire
Thursday:     9 am-11:40 am  Allied Health                Dr. Bethany Meeks
              OR          1 pm-3:15 pm  Human Anatomy & Physiology I Nixie Hnetkovsky

Financial Aid
Financial aid is still available. The first step is to complete the free application at www.fafsa.gov using the family’s 2014 tax returns. The school code for Frontier Community College is 014090. This application determines eligibility for grants, student loans, and work study. For assistance with the application, contact the Financial Aid Office at Frontier.

Contact Frontier Community College
To learn more about the Health Informatics program or to schedule and advisement appointment, call Frontier Community College at (618) 842-3711 or 1-877-464-3687.

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