## J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: HIM 141 Credits: 3

Course Title: Fundamentals of Health Information Systems I

**Course Description:** Focuses on health data collection, storage, retrieval, and reporting systems, with emphasis on the role of the computer in accomplishing these functions. Part I of II. Prerequisite: Passing score on the computer competency exam, ITE 115, or permission of the instructor. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:** Required for the Medical Records Coder Career Studies Certificate, this course is designed to allow students to gain an understanding of the data elements that comprise a patient information system; to develop skills in analyzing data for completeness and accuracy; to understand the vision of the computer-based patient record (CPR) and their role in its development; to gain knowledge of the various methods for filing, storage, and retention of health records; and to develop requisite skills in the filing and storage of health records.

## **Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

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## **Course Objectives:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Discuss health care data elements and documentation standards, including documentation for inpatient, psychiatric, managed care, hospice, long-term care, and ambulatory surgery institutions;
- b. Apply policies and procedures for quantitative and qualitative analysis of primary health care data;
- c. Evaluate the accuracy of quantitative analysis;
- d. Evaluate and review primary and secondary health care data for institutional effectiveness;
- e. Apply and follow policies and procedures for data information reports by collecting, maintaining, analyzing, and displaying data based on external regulatory and accrediting agency standards;
- f. Employ accreditation standards for patient-related data;
- g. Discuss the role and purpose of the patient record;
- h. Evaluate appropriate user needs for computer-based patient records;
- i. Select and utilize appropriate technologies for computer-based patient records (storage, retention, and retrieval); and
- Construct a health record data filing system for retrieval, retention, archival storage, and destruction
  of health care data.

## **Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. External regulatory agencies and accreditation standards
  - 1. HIPPA
- b. Health care data elements and documentation standards
  - 1. Primary and secondary
- c. Quantitative and qualitative data analysis
- d. Computer-based patient record (CPR)
- e. Technology
- f. Health data record
  - 1. Filing
  - 2. Retrieval
  - 3. Retention
  - 4. Archival storage
  - 5. Destruction

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