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Healthcare Information and Administration program at MCC receives big boost

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College's Healthcare Information and Administration program has received accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education. The new accreditation will allow MCC graduates of the HCIA program to take the national examination to become a registered health information technician, an achievement desired by many employers in the industry.

CAHIIM accredited programs are programs that provide professionally required knowledge and skills and employment marketability. Graduating from a CAHIIM accredited program offers employers assurance that graduates have the expected abilities and experienced a curriculum that is relevant to today's electronic health record environment.

"This new accreditation is important because it furthers our graduates' employability that we strive for at MCC," said Ellen Jacobs, director of HCIA. "Graduates of our program can obtain jobs as clinical coders, clinic managers, health data analysts and cancer registrars."

Accreditation is a mechanism for assuring academic quality in higher education. It is a voluntary peer review process to evaluate the program of study against CAHIIM standards. An independent organization, CAHIIM's mission is to serve the public interest by establishing and enforcing quality standards for health informatics and health information management educational programs.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.