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This document is designed to assist in understanding the varying educational and credentialing requirements for Health Information Technology (HIT) professionals on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well.

Program Overview: The Health Information Technology program at Forsyth Technical Community College prepares students to collect, manage, and analyze health data in both digital and paper-based systems. The curriculum includes instruction in medical coding, health care reimbursement, privacy and security, electronic health records, and health data management. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT) credential exam offered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

Certification and State Recognition: While the RHIT credential is nationally recognized, some states or employers may have additional requirements related to licensure, background checks, or continuing education. Individuals are encouraged to consult their state's health department or licensing board for specific employment eligibility requirements.

[Forsyth Tech Website](#)

[Additional Resource \(1\)](#)

[Additional Resource \(2\)](#)

Disclaimer: It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Health Information Technology are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Health Information Technology licensure/certification.

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Alabama	✓	
Alaska	✓	
American Samoa		X
Arizona	✓	
Arkansas	✓	
California	✓	
Colorado	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Connecticut	✓	
Delaware	✓	
District of Columbia	✓	
Florida	✓	
Georgia	✓	
Guam		X
Hawaii	✓	
Idaho	✓	
Illinois	✓	
Indiana	✓	
Iowa	✓	
Kansas	✓	
Kentucky	✓	
Louisiana	✓	
Maine	✓	
Maryland	✓	
Massachusetts	✓	
Michigan	✓	
Minnesota	✓	
Mississippi	✓	
Missouri	✓	
Montana	✓	
Nebraska	✓	
Nevada	✓	
New Hampshire	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
New Jersey	✓	
New Mexico	✓	
New York	✓	
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota	✓	
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Ohio	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	
Oregon	✓	
Pennsylvania	✓	
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island	✓	
South Carolina	✓	
South Dakota	✓	
Tennessee	✓	
Texas	✓	
US Virgin Islands		X
Utah	✓	
Vermont	✓	
Virginia	✓	
Washington	✓	
West Virginia	✓	
Wisconsin	✓	
Wyoming	✓	