

# Health Information Technology

## Physical Requirements

The following are essential physical requirements for working as a Health Information Technician or Medical Information Coder/Biller:

### Visual Acuity

- Perform specific health information technology processes required by the job that include close vision, color vision, and the ability to adjust focus.
- Perform data entry tasks using standard computer equipment in clinical settings.

### Hearing Acuity

- Hearing must be sufficient to communicate with others.
- Hear and retain pertinent information to relay and follow instructions from physicians, peers, or patients in clinical settings.
- Hear and respond to requests for information from physicians, peers, or patients in clinical settings.
- Work in environment with moderate noise level.

### Speaking Ability

- Speak clearly and loudly enough to be understood by physicians, peers, or patients in clinical settings, or on the telephone.
- Good communication skills are also necessary to maintain good interpersonal relationships with physicians, peers, or patients in clinical settings.

### Digital Dexterity

- Must have fine hand and finger movement for use on standard medical office equipment.
- Arms and hands or functional artificial limbs are essential to maintain balance to accomplish required duties in Health Information Technology clinical setting.
- Legs and feet or functional artificial limbs are essential to maintain balance to accomplish required duties in Health Information Technology clinical setting.

## PHYSICAL ABILITY

- Sit or stand for the majority of a normal workday.
- Maneuver between floors of an institution.
- Pull/push equipment used in Health Information Technology Departments.
- Lift and move up to 25 pounds.
- Ability to reach above shoulder level for filing or gathering health data and records in clinical facilities.
- Ability to reach with hands and arms, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.