<div align="center">**STANDARD COURSE OUTLINE**</div>

HIM 1121   **Introduction to Healthcare**

PREREQUISITE   Acceptance into the HIM Program

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Detailed investigation of the history and development of the health information management profession. Career opportunities, ethics, history, and functions of the health information management profession in relationship to the healthcare delivery system. Overview of health information systems used to identify, file, and store patient health information.

CREDIT HOURS   1 credit hour
The student will need to obtain transfer information from the institution he/she is transferring to in order to determine transferability.

TARGET AUDIENCE
This course is an introduction to health information management. Students apply for and are selected for admission into the Health Information Management Program. Certification as a Registered Health Information Technician should be the end-goal for all individuals.

REQUIRED MATERIAL:
Niles, N. J., (2011). *Basics of the U.S. Health Care System*. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers. ISBN 9780763769840.

Health Information Management Technology**:** An Applied Approach, 4th Edition Johns, Merida, AHIMA, Chicago, IL.

REFERENCES:
Journals of Ahima available online and in the NWACC Library

AHIMA membership is a requirement of NWACC's Health Information Management Program. Some assignments require the student to access the AHIMA site as a member. If the student is already a member, then it is not necessary to also become a student member.

AHIMA student membership costs $35 per year.
To become a student member of AHIMA, please do the following:
1. Go to the AHIMA website at www.ahima.org.
2. Click on the Membership tab and follow the instructions to join as a student member.
3. If you experience problems when joining, please E-mail info@ahima.org, or call AHIMA at (800) 335-5535.

COURSE OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Knowledge of the history and evolution of the HIM Profession.
2. Awareness of healthcare issues that impact them as US citizens.
3. Understands the importance of government and public's role in health care.
4. Comprehends the importance of uniform billing, coding, and data collection systems
5. Knowledge of the different roles of various providers & discipline throughout the healthcare continuum/delivery system & respond to their information needs.