

Cancer Registry Management Certificate

The certificate is designed for adult learners who already have an Associate's degree but are looking for a specialized certificate to increase their opportunities for employment (or pursuing an associate's degree concurrently with the certificate). The certificate can be completed 100% online with faculty who are experts in the field. This certificate can be a pathway to either the Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management or Healthcare Administration

Cancer Registry Management is an area of healthcare that is related to Health Information Management which is a current program at Charter Oak. Cancer registrars are data information specialists who collect and report cancer statistics. Cancer registrars capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S. Cancer registrars collect the data that provides essential information to researchers, healthcare providers, and public health officials to better monitor and advance cancer treatments, conduct research, and improve cancer prevention and screening programs.

This program is accredited by the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA). The Cancer Registry Management Certificate program is designed to meet the standards and competencies of the National Cancer Registry Association and prepare students to sit for the ODS (Oncology Data Specialist) credential exam. Students are responsible for reviewing the [exam requirements](#).

This Certificate is 33 credits and 15 of these credits must be completed at Charter Oak. All courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

Certificate Core Prerequisites

BIO 212: Anatomy and Physiology	3cr
BIO 215: Pathophysiology	3cr
HCA 105: Medical Terminology	3cr

Certificate Core Courses

HIM 200: Health Information Systems	3cr
HIM 230: Introduction to Cancer Registry and Management	3cr
HIM 231: Cancer Registry Operations	3cr
HIM 233: Cancer Disease Coding and Staging	3cr
HIM 235: Oncology Treatment and Coding	3cr
HIM 237: Cancer Registry Data Analytics, Quality, and Utilization	3cr
HIM 239: Abstracting Methods for Oncology	3cr
HIM 291: Cancer Registry Practicum	3cr

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who complete a Certificate in Cancer Registry Management will be able to:

- identify human anatomy and physiology and disease processes along with related pharmacology;
- describe the purpose and value of cancer registry, types of registries and registry standards;
- apply disease registry standards to work tasks and identification of data sets;
- demonstrate accurate cancer/oncology disease and treatment coding, sequencing and staging;
- monitor oncology patient outcomes and manage follow-up;
- adhere to appropriate data quality and improvement standards and initiatives;
- demonstrate data collection, database management, data analysis, statistical reporting, and data utilization according to appropriate standards and Central Registry requirements;
- abstract data from patient health records for necessary data collection while understanding major disease sites; and
- demonstrate operational skills in cancer registry using real patient records and/or case studies.