



## Health Information Technology Workforce Training Program

As the healthcare industry moves ahead with the use of technologies such as electronic health records (EHRs) and health information exchanges (HIEs), providers will need skilled employees in this area. To meet the needs of this emerging workforce, the Health IT Workforce Training Program has been designed for qualified individuals seeking to update or gain Health IT skills that will enhance performance in current roles or prepare them to move into new HIT/EHR roles.

This program helps prepare workers to lead and assist health care providers to make the transition to meaningful use of EHRs and to participate in health information exchanges, along with providing continuous support of Health IT deployed in office practices, hospitals, health centers, long-term care facilities, health information exchange organizations and state and local public health agencies.

Two certificates are available through the University of Alaska Southeast - Sitka Campus using **noncredit continuing education courses via online delivery in an open entry format**. Each certificate will require six months of intense training for individuals with appropriate backgrounds.

**Health IT Redesign, Planning, and Management Specialist** – for those with experience in health care and/or information technology environments and some administrative or managerial experience.

**Health IT Implementation and Technical Support Specialist** – for those with general experience in information technology or information management.

These two certificates fulfill the requirements for roles as defined by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health IT.

**The Health IT Redesign, Planning, and Management Specialist certificate** is for ONC Role 1, ONC Role 2, or ONC Role 4.

**The Health IT Implementation and Technical Support Specialist certificate** is for ONC Role 3, ONC Role 5, or ONC Role 6.

ONC role definition: [http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit\\_hhs\\_gov\\_home/1204](http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov_home/1204)

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