Grant Opportunity for Community College Students

Eligibility Criteria:
- Currently enrolled in an approved Associate’s degree program
  (For a listing of transfer agreements with participating colleges, visit http://www.temple.edu/vpus/transfer/#AGREEMENTS) OR
  HIM Prerequisite coursework (see www.temple.edu/him).
- Student annual income meets federal income guidelines (which is up to 250% above the poverty threshold; example—annual household income may not exceed $45,775 for family household of three).
- 2.8 cumulative GPA (preferred).
- No financial holds on student’s account.

Grant Description:
- Supplements your primary financial aid package.
- Renewable each semester.
- Tuition grant is awarded directly to the college, not the student.
- Textbooks for the semester may be purchased by the program for the student.
- Career coaching and additional academic supports are available.
- Personal Effectiveness and Academic Skills workshops offered to build academic and career development.

Application Materials for the Grant:
- Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Complete and submit the College Student Interest form at http://chpsw.temple.edu/cspcd, go to “Programs,” click Health Information Professions Tier 3 and follow the instructions.
- Personal statement of your professional goals/need.
- Two professional recommendations/contacts.
- Class schedule and tuition bill for the requested semester.

QUICK FACTS: Hlcareers.com reports in 2010, the following AHIMA credentials average annual salaries were:
- Certified Coding Associate (CCA) - $40,196
- Registered Health Information Technologist (RHIT) - $54,880
- Certified Coding Specialist– Physician Based (CCS-P) - $60,084
- Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) - $60,919

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