



MONTANA RURAL HEALTH IT NETWORK

The Montana Rural Health IT Network supports a robust Health IT workforce throughout Montana's rural and frontier healthcare facilities. We know that many hospitals and clinics struggle to meet required Health IT implementation and achieve Meaningful Use. Additionally, new healthcare models demand high value and quality reporting. IT staff members who can aid the facility in moving forward are in high demand.

The Rural Health IT Network will support rural/frontier students as they pursue a Health IT certificate through one of four colleges in Montana. All certificate programs are offered online and are designed for the working student. We anticipate that students will typically take six to nine credits per semester and complete the certificate program in three semesters. **The Rural Health IT Network will support students with reimbursement for tuition, fees, and books** on a semester-by-semester basis (assuming a "C" or better in their courses).

We have strong support from Critical Access Hospitals, other small rural hospitals, Community Health Centers, and clinics around the state.

- We look forward to supporting healthcare facilities to meet the demands of electronic health records.
- We look forward to supporting quality improvement and improved patient care throughout the state.
- We look forward to developing your staff's IT skills and expertise with a new certificate.

Please refer your staff to our website to have a look at our education partners and see what they have to offer.

Visit our website at: <http://www.mtruralhealthit.org>

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Here's what our students have to say:

I am thrilled with the knowledge I have learned, can apply the content to my work environment and apply it to efforts underway in our organization to meet stage 2 meaningful use now.

Katrina Strowbridge, BSN, RN; QI Coordinator; St. Luke Community Healthcare

I am enjoying the pursuit of this certificate immensely and appreciate the opportunity afforded by my employer and the RHIT program.

Brian Fordyce; Information Systems; Roosevelt Medical Center