

News & Views



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NHIMA Scholarship Applications Due July 31st

Policy, instructions and application form can be found at www.nhima.org.

NHIMA Volunteers

THANK YOU to all NHIMA members who volunteered at the 1st Annual Convention to serve on a committee, host a coding roundtable webinar, or participate on the Board. Our members make the difference in our success!

Some of the benefits of volunteering in the association:

- Gaining a state or national perspective on issues facing the profession
- Sharing your view and experience with peers
- Enhancing your leadership skills and abilities
- Strengthening your professional network
- Becoming more valuable to your current employer and more marketable to potential employers
- Establishing new personal friendships that last a life-time

The association benefits by:

- Advancing changes in rules, standards and regulations
- Guiding valuable products and services development for member continuing education
- Enhancing public awareness and image of the field
- Recruiting new professionals into the field

If you are interested in volunteering for NHIMA, please contact Theresa Rihaneck @ ktrihanek@msn.com to get plugged in to a committee that you are interested in.

New Training Videos Now Available

The Communities of Practice has five new training videos available for members. These videos will help you get started in the CoP as well as better manage your content. [View the videos](#). Here is a short description of each training video:

- **Navigating the CoP**—learn how to start using the CoP effectively.
- **All About the CoP**—discover how to join and visit different communities.
- **Add a Topic**—hear how you can start a topic to ask a question or share your expertise with your peers.
- **Tracking Content**—find out the great ways you can follow topics of interest.
- **Connecting with Your Peers**—connect with others, including member contributions, profile, bookmark, and contacting.

Each video is 2-3 minutes long and can help you learn how to get the most from this great member benefit. To supplement these, please download the handouts "Getting Started in the New CoP." Join your colleagues using the CoP today. [Log in here](#).

Present Challenges...Future Hopes

A Telehealth & Information Technology Conference will be held July 22-23, 2010, at the Old Market Embassy Suites in downtown Omaha. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear Dr. David Blumenthal of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and Wide River Technology Extension Center hopes you will be able to attend.

This conference is dedicated to creating awareness and increasing knowledge of telehealth and information technology, while inspiring attendees to develop new applications appropriate to their unique situations. See the attachments for the full schedule of events and how to register. Please note the deadline to register is June 29. This event is sponsored by the Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network. Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration form.

National Commission for Certifying Agencies Grants Accreditation to CCA Program

The CCA is the only HIM credential worldwide that is currently accredited by NCCA. This gives us a strong competitive advantage in the coding space that we didn't have before. More importantly, it gives our CCA certificants and future certificants greater validation of their skills and knowledge to help them reach their organizational and career goals, as they help provide the industry with quality healthcare through quality information.

AHIMA received accreditation by submitting a very extensive application demonstrating the CCA program's compliance with the NCCA's Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs. NCCA Standards address the structure and governance of the certifying agency; characteristics of the certification program; information required to be available to applicants, certificants, and the public; and recertification initiatives of the certifying agency. To maintain NCCA accreditation, certification bodies such as AHIMA are required to consistently adhere to a set of requirements or procedures related to quality, openness and due process. To view the standards visit <http://www.credentialingexcellence.org/ncca>. AHIMA joins an elite group of more than 100 organizations representing over 200 programs that have received and maintained NCCA accreditation.

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NHIMA Contact Information

Dates to Remember:

Tri-State Electronics – [On-Line Imaging](#) – [Clarkson College](#)

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March 30 – April 1, 2011 – NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney