Collection Scope
Gwinnett Technical College Library has a selection of print resources relevant to Health Information Management Technology (HIMT) and Allied Health. Items in the collection are generally found in the Library of Congress sub-classification, R, RA, & RB.

Medicine: R-RX (Library of Congress Classification)

- R & RA - General & Public Aspects
  - R 123 Medical Terminology
  - R 858 Computer applications to medicine. Medical informatics
- RB - Pathology, RC - Internal
  - RB 115 Medical Coding

Students also have access to eBook collections including:

- EBSCOHost
- eBrary
- books24x7
- Gale Virtual Reference Library, Credo Reference, Salem Health Online (Magill’s Medical Guide, Salem: Cancer, Salem: Psychology & Mental Health)

Description
Due to the popularity and success of the various medical programs at Gwinnett Technical College, the medical section in GTC Library is comparatively large and contains representative titles across a broader range of collection levels than most other sections of the collection. All-encompassing medical encyclopedias, dictionaries and surveys of medical practice and history serve as introductions to the field. Instructional support materials are collected to cover subjects such as public health, diseases and disorders and diagnosis and treatment. In-depth information, some approaching the research level, is provided via specialized discipline handbooks and manuals, dictionaries, text books and updated drug, diagnosis and treatment handbooks. Cross-disciplinary resources found elsewhere in the library, including but not limited to HD Business, QM Anatomy & Physiology, HQ The Family, Marriage & Children, LB Education and KF Law also support Allied Health education.

Example Titles

- *Health information: management of a strategic resource* - R858 H35
- *Health trackers: how technology is helping us monitor and improve our health* - R858 M33
**Standards**

- Collection Level 3 / Instruction Support (reference and study)
- Publication date range should be within last 1 - 5 years

**Programs served:**

- Bioscience, Cardiovascular Technology, Criminal Justice Technology, Culinary Arts, Dental Assisting, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Echocardiography Technology, Early Childhood Care Education
- **Health Information Management Technology**
- Health Care Assistant, Medical Assisting, Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedicine, Registered Nursing (ADN), Radiologic Technology, Respiratory Care Technology, Sport & Recreation Management, Surgical Technology, Veterinary Technology

**Library Holdings - Physical and Virtual (Medicine: R-RZ)**

The library owns approximately 1300 titles in the “R-RZ” call number range, representing almost 9% of the total collection. The library also subscribes to several program-related Allied Health journals. The library provides access to over 3,600 medicine e-book titles in **EBSCO e-books**, 1,470 titles in the Books24x7 Wellness collection, over 10,000 medicine titles in **ebrary**, and a variety of medical titles in **Gale Virtual Reference Library**, **Credo Reference**, and **Salem Health Online** (**Magill’s Medical Guide**, Salem: **Cancer**, Salem: **Psychology & Mental Health**)

The library also collects a broad range of workforce-related and lifelong-learning resources, including eBooks that support the programs, including career and vocational guidance, business management principles and practices, leadership and legal issues that are relevant to Allied Health students and faculty.

In addition to the physical collections, the library provides access to an extensive range of electronic resources through **GALILEO**, and award-winning initiative of the Board of Regents of the University of Georgia. The resources in **GALILEO** include over 100 databases that index thousands of periodicals and scholarly journals - over 10,000 of which appear in full text. Other resources include encyclopedias, business directories, government documents, and an online tutorial providing instruction in using the system.

**Library databases in GALILEO relevant to Medical Information Management Technology:**

**CINAHL with Full-Text** (EBSCO) Access to full text for more than 600 journals with no embargo. Aside from the full-text content, CINAHL with Full Text provides access to indexing for 2,928 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health. CINAHL covers nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, alternative/complementary medicine, consumer health and 17 allied health disciplines.
Nursing Resource Center (GALE) Nursing Resource Center is a comprehensive resource that nurses, students, and instructors trust to deliver quality results because it was designed to match the Nursing Process. Whether preparing students for clinical exams, providing homework help, or NCLEX-RN test prep Nursing Resource Center is a care providers must have. Nursing Resource Center offers unequaled content that is geared to the education and research needs of nursing and allied health students. This comprehensive collection offers key information in various media types; Encyclopedia articles, Journal Articles from Nursing and Allied Health Collection, More than 200 animations, Medical illustrations, Disease overviews, Drug monographs, Sample care plans, and much more.

Nursing and Allied Health Collection (GALE) Nursing and Allied Health Collection offers researchers looking for answers to nursing or allied health questions millions of articles found in over 1,100 journals. This collection's current and authoritative content will be of use to both nursing professionals already working in the field as well as students pursuing a nursing-focused curriculum. Provides full-text coverage of many of the titles cited in CINAHL.

Alt HealthWatch (EBSCO) Multiple perspectives of complementary, holistic, and integrated approaches to health care and wellness. Full-text content comes from more than 180 international peer-reviewed and professional journals, magazines, reports, proceedings, and association and consumer newsletters, plus hundreds of pamphlets, booklets, special reports, original research, and book excerpts.

Merck Manuals The Merck Manuals have been standard medical reference sources for over 100 years providing detailed information on virtually all disorders, complete with discussion of symptoms and current therapy.

Medline (EBSCOhost) Authoritative medical information on medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, pre-clinical sciences, and much more. Created by the National Library of Medicine.

MedlinePlus.gov brings together authoritative information from The National Library of Medicine (NLM), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and other government agencies and health-related organizations. Preformulated MEDLINE searches are included in MedlinePlus and give easy access to medical journal articles. MedlinePlus also has extensive information about drugs, an illustrated medical encyclopedia, interactive patient tutorials, and latest health news.

Consumer Health Complete (EBSCO) A comprehensive resource for consumer-oriented health content, including full text from many health reference books and encyclopedias and thousands of health reports as well as physician-generated videos and hundreds of medical images and diagrams. Content covers all areas of health and wellness from mainstream medicine to the many perspectives of complementary, holistic, and integrated medicine. Covers topics such as aging, cancer, diabetes, drugs and alcohol, fitness, nutrition and dietetics, children's health, men and women's health, and more.

Nursing & Allied Health Source (ProQuest) Reliable healthcare information covering nursing, allied health, alternative and complementary medicine, and much more. This database is designed to meet the needs of researchers at healthcare facilities as well as nursing and allied health programs at academic institutions. Includes Medcom Online Training videos.

Health Source Nursing: Academic Edition (EBSCO) Over 500 scholarly full-text journals focusing on nursing, allied health fields, and many medical disciplines. Patient education sheets from the Lexi-PAL Drug Guide are also included.
Films on Demand Health & Medicine Collection This excellent collection provides access to over 550 nursing streaming video titles. There are also over 3,000 health and medicine titles.

Academic Search Complete (EBSCO) A multi-disciplinary database, with more than 6,100 full-text periodicals, including more than 5,100 peer-reviewed journals.

Research Library (ProQuest) Access to a wide range of popular academic subjects and includes full-text access for thousands of titles, including scholarly journals, trade publications, magazines, and newspapers.

Image Quest (Britannica) provides access more than one million rights-cleared images from over forty of the best collections in the world.

Career & Technical Education (EBSCO) Includes several hundred full-text titles in the area of vocational information.

Vocational & Career Collection (ProQuest) Provides full-text coverage for almost 350 trade and industry related periodicals.

Statista Quantitative data, statistics and related information

EBSCO eBooks, ebrary Academic Complete, Books24x7 (EBSCO, ProQuest, & SkillSoft) Online multidisciplinary ebook collections.

Selection Criteria

Several factors are considered when making selection decisions. These include curriculum support, faculty recommendations, source, publisher, & author credibility, information currency, cost/potential audience, and availability of materials.

The library engages in ongoing collection assessment and evaluation to ensure continued relevancy of materials to curriculum and student and faculty needs.
Instruction / Information Literacy

Gwinnett Tech Library’s Instruction and Information Literacy services are designed to help prepare students to be workforce-ready information users and savvy information consumers. We deliver instruction in a variety of ways including online access to subject guides & tutorials via LibGuides and LibAnswers, point-of-need individual assistance and hands-on workshops.

Library staff is committed to providing tools to help students conduct research & find resources relevant to their needs. Library instruction aims to encourage lifelong learning as well as academic discovery.

Here is sampling of what is generally covered in library instruction / information literacy workshops:

- Identifying information needs
- Selecting and evaluating credible sources
- Developing search strategies
- Performing effective searches to find information relevant to needs
- Using information ethically and appropriately crediting sources and creating citations

Information literacy is relevant to lifelong learning, common to all disciplines, learning environments, and levels of education.

LibGuides

- About the Library: http://gtclibrary.libguides.com/about
- Medical Information Management Technology: http://gtclibrary.libguides.com/HIMT
- Library Instruction: http://gtclibrary.libguides.com/instruction
- Information Literacy: http://gtclibrary.libguides.com/informationliteracy

LibAnswers

Ask Us! Online reference and research service delivery and knowledgebase.

- http://gtclibrary.libanswers.com

Library Catalog

- http://opac.gwinnettech.edu:8080/