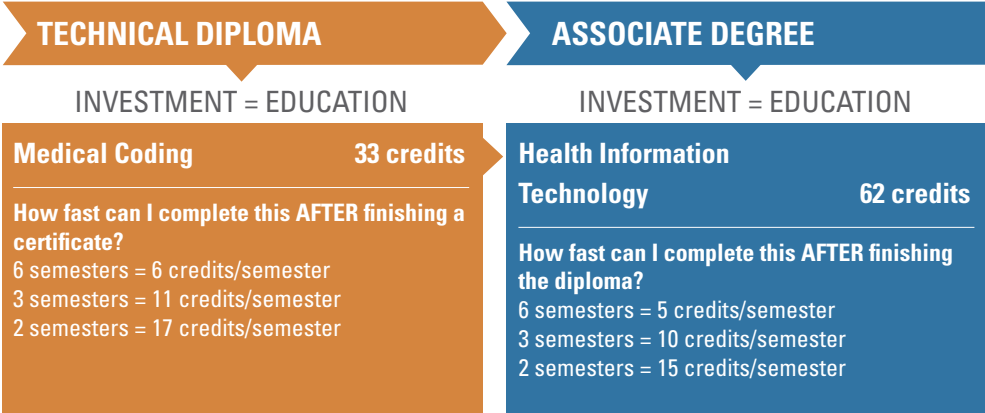# Career Pathways
Southwest Tech

Career Pathways offer new ways to achieve your education goals. Instead of studying just one program, the Career Pathways model links related academic programs in a sequence. Each program offers direct job preparation AND a path to the next higher academic program.

Medical Coding Into Health Information Technology

The Medical Coding program prepares you for employment as an entry-level coding specialist in a health care facility. You are taught the application of diagnosis and procedural codes for medical documentation. Upon completion of the Medical Coding diploma, all credits can be applied toward the Health Information Technology degree.

TECHNICAL DIPLOMA	ASSOCIATE DEGREE
INVESTMENT = EDUCATION	INVESTMENT = EDUCATION
Medical Coding **33 credits**	**Health Information Technology** **62 credits**
How fast can I complete this AFTER finishing a certificate? 6 semesters = 6 credits/semester 3 semesters = 11 credits/semester 2 semesters = 17 credits/semester	**How fast can I complete this AFTER finishing the diploma?** 6 semesters = 5 credits/semester 3 semesters = 10 credits/semester 2 semesters = 15 credits/semester

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