



Two pass HITPRO Exams



Jessie Watral



Dan Picard

Congratulations to Jessie Watral and Dan Picard for passing the Health Information Technology Professional Exam.

Jessie Watral joined Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation as a Project Manager for the IL-HITREC Southern Satellite Office Team. She has more than 10 years of experience working for large healthcare organizations, such as HCA and Centura Health. Her background includes an emphasis in physician relations, regional development and training.

"I chose to take the Implementation Manager HITPRO exam in order to confirm my experience and skills are competent to assist those transitioning to EHR in this ever-evolving world of healthcare," said Watral.

"With this foundation, I am joining a talented group of colleagues working on the leading edge of health IT. Being able to share this knowledge with healthcare professionals within Southern Illinois is truly rewarding both professionally and personally."

Dan Picard joined Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation in September and is a Project Manager for the IL-HITREC Southern Satellite Office Team. Before joining IL-HITREC, he trained and implemented EHR systems and worked with clinical supervisors to improve workflow.

Picard also served as a medical laboratory technician in the U.S. Air Force, where he worked extensively with laboratory information systems.

"The HIT Pro exams provide a way to quantify an individual's competency in the health IT world. For me, it validates that I have the knowledge and experience to assist healthcare professionals in their EHR journey and their trek to meaningful use," said Picard.