

CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST

The Medical Coding Specialist certificate program prepares an individual to assign numerical codes to diagnoses, symptoms, and operative (surgical and invasive) procedures using the ICD-10-CM/PCS (International Classification of Disease - 10th Revision, Clinical Modification and Procedure Coding System) and medical and surgical procedures according to CPT-4 (Current Procedural Terminology-4th Edition), and HCPCS Level II (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System) describing non-physician services. CPT coding is used to describe services provided by physicians and is used for services provided by hospital outpatient, ancillary departments, emergency departments, and other ambulatory care facilities.

The Medical Coding Specialist Certificate of Completion, along with relevant work experience, can prepare a person to take the certification examination offered by the American Health Information Management Association to become a Certified Coding Associate (CCA). After further experience they may apply to become a Certified Coding Specialist (CCS). Individuals skilled in clinical coding are employed as coders for hospitals, physician's offices, peer review organizations, clinics, consulting firms, and/or insurance companies.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3-4
or ENGL 1549	Writing 1 with Support	
BIOL 1545 & 1545L	Allied Health Anatomy and Physiology and Allied Health Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory	5
AHLT 2605	Introduction to Pharmacology	3
AHLT 1501	Medical Terminology	3
AHLT 1502	Applied Pathophysiology	4
CSIS 1514	Business Computer Systems	3
HIM 1500	Introduction to Health Records	3
HIM 1510	Reimbursement Methodologies	3
HIM 2600	CPT Coding	4
HIM 2610	ICD-10 CM Coding	4
HIM 2620	Advanced Coding	3
HIM 2625	Professional Practicum I	1
HIM 2630	Legal/Ethical Concepts in HIM	3
Total Semester Hours		42-43