

Advanced Medical Coder (Health Information Management)

Overview

Career Studies Certificate

PURPOSE: This program is designed to provide the technical knowledge and skills needed for employment as an advanced medical coder. The coursework for the advanced level will equip students to work in medical records and offer an opportunity for existing coders to further their management, supervisory, auditing, or alternative coding skills.

OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVES: Advanced medical coders work in hospitals, doctors' offices, insurance companies, and government agencies.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: General college curricular admission and program-specific criteria

PROGRAM NOTES: In addition to the general college curricular admission requirements, students must meet with the program faculty for advising prior to enrollment. To be accepted into the Advanced Medical Coder program, students must have a professional certification from either the AHIMA (CCA or CCS) or AAPC (CPC).

COMPUTER COMPETENCY REQUIREMENT: Students in this program must meet the college's computer competency requirement by successfully completing ITE 115. Students can also meet this requirement by passing the college's computer competency exam administered in the testing centers on each campus, in which they will receive college credit for ITE 115. Students not passing the computer competency exam may retake the exam.

Roadmap

Order	Course	Title	Credits
1	HIM 229	Performance Improvement in Health Care Settings	2
2	HIM 236	Coding and Reimbursement in Alternate Health Care Settings	5
3	HIM 220 ¹	Health Statistics	3
4	HIM 142	Fundamentals of Health Information Systems II	3
5	HIM 249	Supervision and Management Practices	3
TOTAL	Advanced Medical Records Coder Career Studies Certificate		16

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¹ To enroll in HIM 220, competency in introductory Algebra MDE 10 must be shown as demonstrated through placement or by satisfactorily completing MDE 10.