

Health Care Coding Certificate

The Healthcare Coding Certificate program of study prepares individuals for employment in coding positions including; physician offices, hospitals, outpatient surgery facilities, health departments and other areas where diagnosis and procedures are coded utilizing ICD and CPT for reimbursement and reporting purposes. The courses in this program are offered online with the exception of Anatomy & Physiology.

Completion of this Healthcare Coding Certificate program will prepare students to sit for the Certified Physician Coding (CPC) an examination offered through AAPC and the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) Certified Coding Associate (CCA), Program graduates will be required to gain a minimum of one year work experience after graduation to meet the eligibility requirements for the CCS or CCS-P advanced coding exams. <http://www.aapc.com/certification/medical-coding/certification.aspx>
<http://www.ahima.org/certification/credentials.aspx>

Prerequisites

The student will need to be proficient in English; reading and writing. Some of the courses in this curriculum have specific prerequisites. Students are not required to take placement exams before enrollment in this certificate program.

Program Staff Recommendation

Students planning to work as a professional coder should also consider completing the Health Information Technology Associate of Applied Science degree program.

General Education (GE) Courses

Certificate students are not required to take specific elective courses for this program. But should work with an advisor to find an appropriate track for career objectives. Students are not required to take placement exams before enrollment. Students completing this program will earn credit hours that can be applied to the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Health Information Technology.

Program Core Courses

All courses or their equivalent courses transferred from other institutions, listed on the recommended sequence of courses are required for the completion of the program.

Program Outcomes

1. Evaluate applications of data content structure and standards in health information technology.
2. Demonstrate ethical standards with regard to privacy and security principles and policies.
3. Integrate the principles of informatics, analytics and data use in applications of health information management.
4. Evaluate the principles of revenue management in health information technology.
5. Integrate the principles of compliance in applications of health information technology.
6. Integrate the principles of leadership in the health information field.

Course Sequence

The listing that follows is a recommended sequence of courses for full-time students. The student should consult with an advisor for information specific to their academic situation and flexibility of course sequencing order

Recommended Sequence of Courses

		Cr Hrs
Semester I		
CSIS 100	Computer Concepts and Applications	3
ALHE 105	Medical Terminology	3
*BIOL 257	Anatomy & Physiology Lecture	3
*BIOL 258	Anatomy & Physiology Lab	2
ALHT 110	Intro to Health Information Technology	3
Total		14
Semester II		
ALHT 210	Legal & Ethical Issues in Healthcare	3
NURS 230	Pathophysiology	3
*ALHT 230	Current Procedural Terminology Coding	3
*ALHT 225	International Classification of Diseases	4
Total		13
Semester III		
ALHE 122	Intro to Pharmacology	3
ALHT 170	Electronic Health Record	3
ALHT 250	Reimbursement Methodologies	3
ALHT 180	Healthcare Coding Practicum	2
ALHT 145	Healthcare Coding National Exam Review	1
Total		12
Total Certificate Credits		39

*BIOL 257/ BIOL 258 are pre-requisites for NURS 230, ALHT225 and ALHT 230.

Optional Additional Study

Students completing the Healthcare Coding certificate are encouraged to consider continuing their education to complete the Associate of Applied Science degree in Health Information Technology.

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