

## MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST

**Delivery:** Daytime, Online and Hybrid Classes  
**Start:** Fall or Spring Semester, Full- or Part-Time  
**Location:** Rosemount Campus

### Outcomes

Medical Coding Specialist Diploma. . . . . 40cr.

### Major Description

The Medical Coding Specialist prepares students to assume an entry-level position as a medical coder in an acute care hospital, clinic or physician's office. Medical coding specialists play a vital role in the health care industry. Students gain knowledge in electronic health record software systems and in the legal and managerial aspects of health information. Other duties include coding diagnoses, processing reimbursements, managing release of medical information, maintaining quality assurance, and protecting patient data privacy.

### Work Environment

Medical coding specialists work in physician offices, surgery centers, specialty clinics, hospital, insurance companies, government agencies, research foundations, long-term care facilities, dental offices, consulting firms, rehabilitation centers or health care facilities.

### Potential Job Titles

- Medical Coding Specialist
- Clinical documentation Specialist
- Health Information Analyst
- Coding Analyst
- Medical Records Technician

### Salary Data

- Average Salary: \$20.95/hour
- Top Earners: \$24.28/hour

### MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST - DIPLOMA

*This is a sample course sequence for a full-time student. All courses are not offered every semester. Please contact your program advisor regarding your academic plans.*

#### First Year - First Semester

ADMS1045	Medical Terminology	2
ADMS1360	Healthcare Documentation Essentials	4
ADMS1400	ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding	3
ADMS1430	Legal Principles of Health Information	3
ADMS1390	Intro to Pharmacology	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>14</b>

#### First Year - Second Semester

ADMS1049	Applied Medical Terminology	3
ADMS1018	Basic Computer Applications	3
ADMS1410	CPT Coding	3
HEAL1101	Anatomy & Physiology	4
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>13</b>

#### Second Year - First Semester

ADMS1370	Medical Billing & Insurance	3
ADMS1380	Quality & Healthcare Statistics	3
ADMS1440	Advanced Coding	2
ADMS1051	Human Diseases	3
ADMS1285	Oral Business Communications/ Job Seeking Skills	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>13</b>

**TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 40**



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