

HEALTH & EDUCATION

MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST

Delivery: Online with a few options for in person and/or hybrid classes

Start: Fall or Spring Semester, Full- or Part-Time

AWARDS

Medical Coding Specialist A.A.S. Degree60 cr.

Medical Coding Specialist Diploma40 cr.

MAJOR DESCRIPTION

Medical Coding Specialist A.A.S. Degree: prepares students for an entry-level professional fee medical coding position as well as prepares the student for supervisory opportunities within leadership. These positions are often offered by physician and non-physician practitioner clinics, acute care hospitals, third party payers, or consulting firms with a need for a medical coder. The student will have working knowledge of healthcare law and a full understanding of the need to protect patient privacy. Our program utilizes a simulated electronic health record designed with industry standards which facilitates practice in abstracting patient information.

Upon completion of the A.A.S. degree students are able to code both procedure and diagnosis and with advanced preparation are ready to take the American Academy of Professional Coder Certified Professional Coder examination.

Medical Coding Specialist Diploma: prepares students for an entry-level professional fee medical coding position. These positions are often offered by physician and non-physician practitioner clinics, acute care hospitals, or third-party payers. The student will have working knowledge of healthcare law and a full understanding of the need to protect patient privacy. Our program utilizes a simulated electronic health record designed with industry standards which facilitates practice in abstracting patient information.

Upon completion of the diploma students are able to code both procedure and diagnosis and are ready to take the American Academy of Professional Coder Certified Professional Coder examination.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Medical Coding Specialist have a variety of work environments which may include medical primary care offices, urgent care centers, emergency rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, independent diagnostic imaging centers, medical specialty centers, hospitals, third party payers, billing companies, medical consulting firms, or government agencies. Employers may offer 'work at home' programs.

POTENTIAL JOB TITLES

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

SALARY DATA

See latest data at careerwise.minnstate.edu.

- Average Salary: \$25.64/hour
- Top Earners: \$35.10/hour

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A.A.S. DEGREE

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 **14 cr**

ADMS 1045	Medical Terminology	2
ADMS 1360	Healthcare Documentation Essentials	4
ADMS 1390	Intro to Pharmacology	2
ADMS 1400	ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding	3
ADMS 1430	Legal Principles of Health Information	3

First Year - Second Semester **16 cr**

ADMS 1018	Basic Computer Applications	3
ADMS 1049	Applied Medical Terminology	3
ADMS 1410	CPT Coding	3
HEAL1101	Anatomy & Physiology	4
PHIL1350	Medical Ethics	3

Second Year - First Semester **17 cr**

ADMS 1051	Human Diseases	3
ADMS 1370	Medical Billing & Insurance	3
ADMS 1380	Quality & Healthcare Statistics	3
ADMS 1420	Supervision of Health Information	3
ADMS 1440	Advanced Coding	2
ENGL 1150	Composition	3

Second Year - Second Semester **13 cr**

ADMS 1285	Oral Business Communications/ Job Seeking Skills	2
ADMS 1450	Internship & Review	2
SPEE 1020	Interpersonal Communication	3
	General Elective (MnTC Goal 3 or 4)	3
	General Elective (any MnTC area)	3

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60

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DIPLOMA

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First Year - First Semester **14 cr**

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

First Year - Second Semester **13 cr**

ADMS1018	Basic Computer Applications	3
ADMS1049	Applied Medical Terminology	3
ADMS1410	CPT Coding	3
HEAL1101	Anatomy & Physiology	4

Second Year - First Semester **13 cr**

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

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 40



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