

HEALTH & EDUCATION

MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST

Delivery: Fully online, 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. Degree 60 cr.
- Medical Coding Specialist Diploma 40 cr.
- Medical Coding Specialist Certificate * 12 cr.

Not Financial Aid eligible

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 with skills to advance within the healthcare system. 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 can code both procedure and diagnosis and are ready to take the American Academy of Professional Coder Certified Professional Coder examination, which is proctored at DCTC. Students will have Leadership knowledge and the communication skills necessary for leadership positions.

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 can code both procedure and diagnosis and are ready to take the American Academy of Professional Coder Certified Professional Coder examination.

Medical Coding Specialist Certificate: designed for healthcare employees who have experience in the medical coding revenue cycle, and they wish to gain enough knowledge and practice in coding to sit for the American Academy of Professional Coders, Certified Professional Coder (CPC) exam. This program is designed as well for employers who would like to have employees become certified coders and provide the funding for this education as part of their Corporate Compliance Program or part of employee benefits.

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

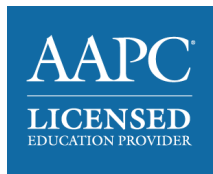
SALARY DATA

See latest data at onetonline.org.

- Average Wage: \$26.21/hour
- Top Earners: \$39.14/hour

CERTIFICATION

Students can take the American Association of Professional Coders (AAPC) certification exams on site at DCTC.



MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST 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 - Fall Semester 13 cr

ADMS1045	Medical Terminology	2
ADMS1361	Health Information Management Essentials	3
ADMS1390	Intro to Pharmacology	2
ADMS1400	ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding	3
ADMS1430	Legal Principles of Health Information	3

First Year - Spring Semester 16 cr

ADMS1018	Basic Computer Applications	3
ADMS1049	Applied Medical Terminology	3
ADMS1410	CPT Coding	3
HEAL1101	Anatomy & Physiology	4
PHIL1350	Medical Ethics	3

Second Year - Fall Semester 17 cr

ADMS1051	Human Diseases	3
ADMS1370	Medical Billing & Insurance	3
ADMS1380	Quality & Healthcare Statistics	3
ADMS1421	Leadership in Medical Coding and Revenue Cycle	3
ADMS1440	Advanced Coding	2
ENGL1150	Composition	3

Second Year - Spring Semester 14 cr

ADMS1285	Oral Business Communications & Job Seeking Skills	2
ADMS1451	Coding Capstone	3
COMS1020	Interpersonal Communication	3
	General Elective (MnTC Goal 3 or 4)	3
	General Elective (any MnTC area)	3

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 60

MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST DIPLOMA

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First Year - Fall Semester 13 cr

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ADMS1361	Health Information Management Essentials	3
ADMS1390	Intro to Pharmacology	2
ADMS1400	ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding	3
ADMS1430	Legal Principles of Health Information	3

First Year - Spring Semester 13 cr

ADMS1018	Basic Computer Applications	3
ADMS1049	Applied Medical Terminology	3
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ADMS1451	Coding Capstone	3

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 40

MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE

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First Year - Fall Semester 6 cr

ADMS1410	CPT Coding	3
ADMS1400	ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding	3

First Year - Spring Semester 6 cr

ADMS1051	Human Diseases	3
ADMS1451	Coding Capstone	3

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 12



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