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Train For A Career In

Medical Coding

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DIPLOMA PROGRAM

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With over 45 years of experience providing high-quality healthcare training to more than 70,000 graduates, ACC is driven by a passion to help you create a future you can be proud of.

We believe in hands-on learning. Our classes mirror real-life scenarios, utilizing the same equipment and software you'll encounter in the workplace. This approach helps you develop job-ready skills, empowering you to excel from day one. Our education emphasizes practical skills and knowledge, offering students the chance to positively transform their lives.

What is a Medical Coder?

Medical coders play a vital role in healthcare by translating diagnoses, procedures, and medical services into codes essential for reimbursement purposes. Beyond coding, they also leverage their expertise in medical terminology and familiarity with hospital, clinic, or laboratory procedures to undertake various tasks. This multifaceted role ensures accurate billing and efficient healthcare operations.[1]

Program Overview

Our **Medical Coding program** trains students to accurately translate complex medical information into standardized codes. This skill facilitates proper billing and reimbursement, ultimately enhancing the overall efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare processes.

1. https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-records-and-health-information-technicians.htm#tab-2
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Medical Coding Skillset

Proficiency in Industry Software and Manuals

Utilize coding software and manuals to select and apply codes for diagnoses, procedures, and services, ensuring accurate coding for various medical cases.

Certification Exam Preparation

Sit for the CPC or CIC exams to earn certification for optimal success.

Understand Medical Terminology

Master medical terminology and associated codes for diverse body systems, disorders, and treatments.

Medical Coding Program

The Medical Coding program is divided into five learning units called terms. The program thoroughly prepares you for the CPC (Certified Professional Coder) or CIC (Certified Inpatient Coder) exams, helping you approach them with confidence.

MC100
Medical Terminology and Body Systems

This self-directed asynchronous course provides students with the materials to review the overall structure of the human body. It encourages an appreciation for the importance of how the body functions. The body systems covered include the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, endocrine, cardiovascular, lymphatic, respiratory, digestive, urinary, and reproductive systems. The course content also reinforces the proper usage of medical terminology in healthcare. Students will study the elements of medical terminology, including word roots, prefixes, suffixes, combining forms, and abbreviations associated with the body systems covered in this course.

Clock Hours 60 | Clinical Hours 0

MC110
ICD-10-CM Diagnostic Coding

This course provides students with the principles of medical coding, with a focus on the ICD-10-CM (International Classification of Diseases – Clinical Modification, 10th Revision) Code Set. The content is organized to reflect the various body systems presented in MC100. Students will apply coding conventions when assigning ICD-10-CM codes. Students will develop critical thinking skills to analyze complex real-world medical scenarios and apply proper coding principles effectively. Further topics covered include the Business of Medicine, OIG (Office of Inspector General), and HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) principles. This course will prepare students for the CPC (Certified Professional Coder) or CIC (Certified Inpatient Coder) certification exams.

Clock Hours 60 | Clinical Hours 0

MC200
CPT Procedural Coding

This course provides students with the principles of medical coding, with a focus on the CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) Code Manual. The content is organized to reflect the various body systems presented in MC100. Students will apply coding conventions when assigning CPT codes. Students will develop critical thinking skills to analyze complex real-world medical scenarios and apply proper coding principles effectively. Further topics include the E/M (Evaluation and Management) services. This course will prepare students for the CPC (Certified Professional Coder) or CIC (Certified Inpatient Coder) certification exams.

Clock Hours 60 | Clinical Hours 0

MC210
PCS and HCPCS Coding

This course provides students with the principles of medical coding, focusing on the PCS (Procedural Coding System) and HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System) Code Sets. The content is organized to reflect the various body systems presented in MC100. Students will apply coding conventions when assigning PCS codes. Students will develop critical thinking skills to analyze complex real-world medical scenarios and apply proper coding principles effectively. This course will prepare students for the CPC (Certified Professional Coder) or CIC (Certified Inpatient Coder) certification exams.

Clock Hours 60 | Clinical Hours 0

MC300
Applied Coding and Certification Preparation

This course provides students with the materials for a hands-on approach to applied coding practice. Students will gain deep familiarity with specific medical coding software (Practicode) to apply knowledge of ICD-10-CM, CPT, PCS, and HCPCS coding standards needed in the field.

Students will also complete an overview of the CPC or CIC certification exams, with emphasis on the above code sets, including coding guidelines, conventions, and rules specific to each code set and apply their understanding on the CPC or CIC exam. Further topics include effective exam preparation and exam-taking strategies through practice exams which simulate the actual testing environment to ensure confidence and readiness for the CPC or CIC exam.

Clock Hours 120 | Clinical Hours 0

PROGRAM TOTAL:
360 Clock Hours

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Accreditation

ACC is institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES). ABHES: 6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 730, North Bethesda, MD 20852, (301) 291-7550 www.abhes.org.

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Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) **Los Angeles, Orange County, Ontario:** https://americancareercollege.edu/legal/abhes
California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) **Ontario:** https://americancareercollege.edu/uploads/School-Performance-Fact-Sheets-Ontario-Campus.pdf

Program Costs
https://americancareercollege.edu/catalog/current/financial-information/program-tuition-and-fees/diploma-programs-tuition

O*Net Occupation Titles	SOC Code	Links to Occupational Profiles on O*Net
Medical Records Specialist: Coder, Health Information Clerk, Health Information Specialist, Health Information Technician (Health Information Tech), Medical Records Clerk, Medical Records Coordinator, Medical Records Technician (Medical Records Tech), Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT)	29-2072	https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2072.00
Medical Transcriptionists: Clinical Medical Transcriptionist, Documentation Specialist, Medical Language Specialist, Medical Scribe, Medical Transcriber, Medical Transcriptionist, Pathology Transcriptionist, Radiology Transcriptionist, Scribe, Transcriptionist	31-9094	https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9094.00

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Location

Ontario campus

Duration

Approximately 8 months

Schedule

Fully Online

Enrollment Requirements

Some of the admission requirements include:

» Must be at least 18 or have a parent's or guardian's signature

» Must have a high school diploma or the equivalent

» Must take and pass entrance exam

Be sure to speak with an admissions advisor to get all the necessary information to apply for the Medical Coding program.

Instructional Equipment

Here are some of the exciting tools you will get hands-on experience with: coding references (CPT, ICD-CM, HCPCS manuals, and ICD-10-PCS), medical office software, word processing software, textbooks and e-text materials, online course material.

Curious to Learn More? Let's Connect

Discover how ACC's program helps set you on the path towards a rewarding career, **connect with an advisor** to learn more about the Medical Coding program and explore financial aid options.

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