

Medical Coding: Hospital-Based Certificate of Completion 44 Credit Hours

The Medical Coding: Hospital-Based program is designed to prepare individuals for diagnostic and procedural coding positions in acute care settings.

Responsibilities of a medical coder may include:

- Reviews and analyzes medical records
- Translates diseases and procedures into codes utilizing national classification systems
- Conducts audits for coding integrity and accuracy

Certified coders are in high demand. Entry-level salaries vary depending on qualifications, prior health-related experience, and type of facility.

The Medical Coding: Hospital-Based certificate program has earned formal approval under AHIMA's Professional Certificate Approval Program (PCAP). Students who complete this certificate are eligible to sit for AHIMA's Certified Coding Associate (CCA), Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) or Certified Coding Specialist – Physician-based (CCS-P) certification exams.



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The HIM Program at Phoenix College

Phoenix College currently offers the following degree and certificate programs in Health Information Management:

- Health Information Technology Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree
- Health Information: Long Term Care Settings Certificate of Completion (CCL)
- Medical Coding: Hospital-Based Certificate of Completion (CCL)
- Medical Billing and Coding: Physician-Based Certificate of Completion (CCL)

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Medical Coding Program Overview

The Certificate of Completion (CCL) in Medical Coding: Hospital-Based program is designed to prepare individuals for diagnostic and procedural coding positions in hospitals and hospital-based settings such as outpatient clinics, emergency departments, and surgery centers, and includes a professional practice affiliation in an area health care setting.

The program is offered in a combination of evening, hybrid, and online classes, and ambulatory health care settings.

Many of the certificate program courses are part of the AAS degree program in Health Information Technology. Starting with a certificate program could give you a feel for the profession while earning credits that transfer to the degree program.



Medical Coding Program Objectives

Demonstrate professional and ethical behavior, and cultural competency skills according to acute care professional practice standards.

Apply critical thinking skills to decision-making processes in accordance with acute care standards and best practices.

Apply legal and ethical concepts and principles applicable to acute care setting regulations and guidelines.

Use health information technologies commonly used in acute care settings.

Apply anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, and medical terminology concepts in the acute care coding function.

Apply clinical nomenclatures, vocabularies, classification systems, revenue cycle management processes, and coding compliance concepts according to acute care standards.

Medical Coding Program Curriculum

- BIO156/181 Introductory Biology for Allied Health/General Biology I 4
- BIO201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4
- BIO202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4
- BPC110 Computer Usage and Applications 3
- HCC130 Fundamentals in Health Care Delivery 3
- HCC145 Medical Terminology for Health Care Professionals 3
- HIM105 Computers in Healthcare and Health Record Systems 2
- HIM180 Introduction to Medical Billing and Reimbursement 2
- HIM181 Medical Claims Processing 3
- HIM200 Human Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for HIM 3
- HIM208 ICD-CM Diagnostic Coding 2
- HIM210 ICD-PCS Coding and ICD Applications 2
- HIM211 Advanced Applications of Coding and Reimbursement 4
- HIM213 CPT and HCPCS Coding 3
- HIM221 Medical Coding Seminar 1
- HIM222 Professional Practice in Medical Coding 1