

Certificates:

Health Care Coding Certificate

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The Health Care Coding Certificate program prepares students with entry-level skills needed to code, classify, and index diagnoses and procedures for the purpose of reimbursement, standardization, retrieval and statistical analysis. Principles in ICD-9-CM coding, CPT coding, and third-party reimbursement will be emphasized. The courses within the Health Care Coding Certificate program are also applicable to the A.S. in Health Information Technology and the B.S. in Health Information Administration and students may wish to progress into those programs. An important part of the Coding Certificate Program is the supervised professional practice. This internship is completed at a healthcare facility to provide for hands-on reinforcement of the classroom instruction. The Healthcare Coding Certificate Program has been approved by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

Graduates of the Health Care Coding Certificate program may wish to write the American Health Information Management Association’s certification examination to become a Certified Coding Associate (CCA). Additional credentials may be obtained after gaining work experience and these practitioners may write the examinations to become a Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) or Certified Coding Specialist-Physician-based (CCS-P).

The Health Information Management Programs student handbook supplements the information outlined here in the catalog and identifies additional program specific requirements.

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