

**Tri-County Allied
Health School**

**MEDICAL
CODING
ROCKS**

**Coding Resource
Center**

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WHAT IS MEDICAL CODING?

Medical Coding is the translation of clinical documentation into alpha numeric codes for reimbursement and data collection purposes. It requires that the coder understand the language of the clinician as well as the coding guidelines

PATHWAY TO MEDICAL CODING

There are two different pathways to becoming a certified medical coder. The two professional organizations that govern coders each offer a distinct national certification that qualifies the coder to function in different coding settings. They require different levels of preparation and result in different job placements and salaries. We offer both of these pathways

Pathway 1 - AAPC

AAPC is the American Association of Professional Coders, they offer the CPC certification. CPC or Certified Professional Coder is a national certification that qualifies the individual to code in the outpatient arena. AAPC has formulated a curriculum that prepares the student to take the CPC examination after 90 hours instruction. AAPC recommend that the applicant has a background in Anatomy and Medical Terminology. We are an AAPC licensed school offering the exclusive Professional Medical Coding Curriculum (PMCC)

Pathway 2 - AHIMA

AHIMA, American Health Information Management Association offers the CCS certification, Certified Coding specialist. This national certification qualifies the coder to work in the inpatient setting as well as some outpatient settings. AHIMA strongly recommends more rigorous training before taking their examination. They recommend Anatomy, Medical Terminology, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in addition to the coding courses. We offer all of the necessary courses to prepare you to take the AHIMA CCS examination.

There are many job opportunities for whichever certification you chose.

Class Schedule and Pricing

	HOURS	BEGIN DATE	PRICE
<u>BASIC SCIENCES</u>			
MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	32	4/4/2020	\$375
ANATOMY FOR CODERS	32	4/25/2020	\$375
DISEASES IN HCC CODING	64	5/9/2020	\$750
PHARMACOLOGY FOR CODERS	32	1/25/2020 6/13/2020	\$375
	HOURS	BEGIN DATE	PRICE
<u>CODING CLASSES</u>			
CODING COMPLIANCE/BILLING	48	2/15/2020 3/14/2020	\$550
DIAGNOSIS CODING	160	3/7/2020 6/20/2020	\$1875
PROCEDURE CODING INPT	48	5/30/2020 9/12/2020	\$550
PROCEDURE CODING OUTPT	96	1/25/2020 6/20/2020 10/3/2020	\$1150
AAPC CPC CODING CURRICULUM	90	3/3/2020 6/23/2020	\$1800
TEST REVIEW FOR CCS EXAM	48	3/7/2020 8/8/2020	\$550

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

These courses are designed for the professional coder who wishes to increase their standing in the coding world by increasing their knowledge in a specific area or by seeking an additional certification. We also offer regular updates in coding guidelines from both AHIMA and AAPC

	HOURS	BEGIN DATE	PRICE
HCC CODING	32	2/1/2020 2/29/2020 4/10/2020 9/19/2020	\$500
PRACTICAL CODING	16	4/4/2020 9/12/2020 12/19/2020	\$175
CDI	14	3/10/2020	TOA
CRC	16	2/9/2020	TOA

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

BASIC SCIENCES

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

32 HOURS/\$375.00

This course is designed to familiarize students with medical terms, abbreviations and vocabulary. Emphasis will be placed on accurate spelling, pronunciation and definitions of common medical terms related to major disease processes, diagnostic procedures laboratory tests, drugs and treatments.

This course is beneficial to anyone first entering the medical world or people from other countries who are familiar with medical terminology in their native language but struggle with the English version.

ANATOMY FOR CODERS

32 HOURS/\$375.00

This course is focused on gross anatomy as it relates to coding. Special consideration will be given to very specific surgical landmarks that are of importance in surgical procedure coding.

This course is of importance for entry level students as well as current coders who wish to refresh their knowledge of anatomy in preparation for obtaining a specialty certification.

DISEASES FOR HCC CODERS

64 HOURS/\$750.00

This course concentrates on the disease processes that are tracked in the HCC coding context. Importance will be placed on chronic conditions that make up the Hierarchical Categories.

This course is of importance for entry level students as well as current coders who lack current knowledge of specific pathological conditions.

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES (CONTINUATION)

PHARMACOLOGY FOR CODERS

32 HOURS/\$375.00

This course concentrates on the pairing of diseases and the drugs used to treat those conditions. This course benefits students just entering coding and also those already working as coders who did not have pharmacology as part of their coding training and wish to work in the HCC arena.

CODING

CODING COMPLIANCE/BILLING

48 HOURS/\$550.00

This course is designed to give the entry level student an overview of the world in which they will work. Emphasis will be placed on the ethics of coding, federal government regulation related to patient privacy and the electronic health record, and how reimbursement methodologies relate to coding. This course benefits any student new to the coding world wishing to code in an inpatient setting and take the CCS certification examination.

DIAGNOSIS CODING (ICD -10-CM)

160 HOURS/\$1875.00

This course is designed to introduce students to the International Classification Of Diseases, 10th revision Clinical Modification. Students will learn how to assign diagnosis codes applying chapter specific guidelines to select the proper codes.

The skills that this course teaches are basic to any coding position be it inpatient or outpatient

PROCEDURE CODING INPATIENT (PCS)

48 HOURS/\$550.00

Students are introduced to different root operation for different medical procedures and how to locate these codes using the ICD-10-PCS guidelines.

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES (CONTINUATION)

PROCEDURE CODING OUTPATIENT (CPT) 96 HOURS/\$1150.00

This course will introduce students to basic HCPCS coding with a focus on using the Current Procedural Terminology book for coding outpatient

AAPC PMCC CPC CODING CURRICULUM 90 HOURS/\$1800.00

This course is AAPC PMCC approved for preparation to take the CPC Certification examination. It prepares the student for all aspects of outpatient coding.

This course would benefit any student with no coding background wishing to be an Outpatient Coder

PROFESSIONAL CODING DEVELOPMENT

These courses are open to Certified Coders ONLY

HCC CODING 32 HOURS/\$500.00

This course is designed to instruct coders in the basic guidelines used in Hierarchical Condition Category. This growing branch of the coding world is a great entry level position for beginning coders with either a CPC or CCS certification.

Test Review for CCS Exam 48 Hours/\$550.00

Designed to prepare students to take the Certified Coding Specialist exam administered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

This review class is a test review only and is not meant to replace coding education. Students will be given 4 mock examinations to practice both the content and the format of the AHIMA exam.

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES (CONTINUATION)

CERTIFIED RISK ADJUSTMENT CODER

16 hours/\$200.00

This course is AAPC certified and will prepare coders to take the AAPC examination to obtain the CRC Certification.

CONTINUING DOCUMENTATION IMPROVEMENT (CDI) 16 hours

This course will prepare coders for the position of CDI, teaching the guidelines and effective query techniques. This is an AAPC approved course.

REQUIRED TEXT BOOKS

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>REQUIRED TEXT BOOK</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
HCC Coding	1. <i>ICD-10-CM: The Complete Official Draft Code Set, 2020</i>	\$120.00 est
Diagnosis Coding (CM)	1. <i>ICD-10-CM: The Complete Official Draft Code Set, 2020</i> 2. <i>ICD-10-CM and PCS Coding Handbook, 2020 Nelly</i>	\$120.00 est \$100.00 est
Procedure Coding (PCS)	1. <i>ICD-10-PCS: The Complete Official</i> 2. <i>ICD-10-CM: The Complete Official Draft Code Set, 2020</i>	\$120.00 est
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Procedure Coding (CPT)	1. <i>Current Procedural Terminology, Professional Edition.</i> 2. <i>ICD-10-CM: The Complete Official Draft Code Set, 2020</i>	\$118.00 est
\$120.00 est:		
PMCC CPC Course	1. <i>Current Procedural Terminology, Professional Edition.</i> 2. <i>ICD-10-CM: The Complete Official Draft Code Set, 2020</i> 3. <i>HCPCS Level II Expert, 2020</i>	\$118.00 est: \$120.00 est: \$69.95 est:
4. <i>AAPC Official Study Guide for CPC, 2020</i>	\$99.95 est:	

*Recommended for any class: **Taber's Medical Dictionary** \$52.00

CREDENTIALING FEES

CCS Credential Exam (AHIMA MEMBER)	\$299.00 est:
AHIMA Membership	\$49.00 est:
CPC Credential Exam (AAPC)	\$399.00 est

SCHOOL POLICIES

- All Classes will be paid in full prior to or on first day of class
- No Refunds
- Only one course may be purchased at a time
- All classes are recorded in transcripts as **COMPLETE** or **INCOMPLETE**
Completion is based on payment in full and 80% attendance
- All assignments and tests are on a **PASS/FAIL** basis
- No certificates of completion are issued
AHIMA or AAPC certifications will serve to aid students in gaining employment
- There are no pre-requisites for any class
- No text books or workbooks are provided for any class
- Handout materials are included in the tuition
- No Federal or State funds are acceptable for payment of classes
- Fees to sit for the National Certification examinations are not part of the tuition of Tri-County Allied Health School nor are they collected by this institution
- All testing fees are paid directly to the organization that governs the examination
- Tri-County Allied Health School does not offer any financing or payment plans for tuition Fees

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Tri-County Allied Health School is to provide quality education and superior technical training in a supportive learning environment that promotes motivation, higher education and self-discipline, and to provide our students with the knowledge and skills needed to qualify for better healthcare career opportunities

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