



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - HEALTH CARE (234)

Medical Coding (Certificate)

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Medical Coding Program is a certificate program designed to prepare individuals to understand coding principles, guidelines, medical terminology and regulatory changes for coding. The program is designed to offer a wide variety of learning experiences including classroom lecture and observation in a hospital setting.

NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Medical coders are professionals skilled in classifying medical data from patient records. These coders review patients' records and assign numeric codes for each diagnosis and procedure. Coding accuracy is highly important to health care organizations because of its impact on revenues and describing health outcomes. Numerous career opportunities exist in hospitals, physician offices, clinics, home health agencies and other health care settings. Successful graduates are eligible to take the national medical coding exams for certification.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

Mr. Scott Anderson, Dean of Business & Technology
 Ms. Denise Johnson, Information Systems Faculty
 Student Advisor

Required Technical Courses 28 Sem. Hours

* BUSN	125	Mathematics of Business (or MATH 162 or above)	3
* BUSN	141	Business Communications (or COMM 101 or ENGL 121)	3
INFT	105	Basic Keyboarding	1
* INFT	180	Introduction to Information Systems	3
ITHC	101	Medical Terminology I	1
* ITHC	102	Medical Terminology II	1
* ITHC	103	Medical Terminology III	1
* ITHC	201	Medical Coding	8
* ITHC	205	Advanced Medical Coding-Hospital	2
* ITHC	220	Anatomy for Information Technology	3
OCED	250	Career Seminar	1
* OCED	290	Office Practicum (Observation)	1

Total Hours = 28

* Course has a prerequisite. See course descriptions.