

HEALTHCARE REIMBURSEMENT

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Quarter Credit Hours Required = 96

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Healthcare Reimbursement prepares students for positions in physician practices, medical offices, hospital business offices, insurance companies, healthcare consulting firms, medical record departments, and medical coding departments. Students will receive specialized training in Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), International Classification of Diseases (ICD), and the Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS). In addition to classroom experience, this program will also include an externship for on-the-job application of skills. Graduates or students who are currently in externship are eligible to sit for national certification examinations. Students typically register for the examination during their certification exam review class. Certification examinations are offered on campus.

Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to

- discuss and be familiar with all HIPAA Compliance Policies and the importance of confidentiality when dealing with medical records;
- demonstrate the ability to utilize medical billing and coding software programs to expedite the reimbursement process;
- classify the various coding and billing information to avoid claims rejections;
- analyze accounting and financial data to be used in a healthcare environment;
- document strategies for successfully completing the major content areas of the National Certification Examination:
 - a. National Health Career Association (CBCS),
 - b. American Health Information Management Association (CCS),
 - c. American Academy of Professional Coders (CPC), and
 - d. National Center for Competency Testing (NCICS); and
- coordinate a successful job search.

FOUNDATION:

	Quarter Credit Hours
AOM 1010 Keyboarding	4
EDU 1010 Learning Framework	4
EDU 1020 Career Exploration/Planning	4
Total Minimum Required Foundation Credits	12

AREA OF CONCENTRATION:

BIO 1120 Anatomy and Physiology: Body Structures	4
BIO 1130 Anatomy and Physiology: Organs and Systems	4
MBC 1010 Medical Coding: Current Procedural Terminology	4
MBC 1020 Medical Coding: International Classification of Diseases	4
MBC 1035 Intermediate Coding	4
MBC 1040 Advanced Coding	4
MBC 1800 Medical Billing and Reimbursement	4
MBC 2260 Advanced Medical Billing and Reimbursement	4
MBC 2500 Medical Billing and Coding Certification Review	2
MBC 2600 Medical Billing and Coding Externship	6
MED 1010 Medical Terminology	4
MED 1117 Microcomputer Fundamentals in Healthcare	4
MED 1140 Medical Law and Ethics	4
MED 1210 Pathophysiology	4
MED 1850 Medical Insurance Applications	4
Total Minimum Required Area of Concentration Credits	60

GENERAL EDUCATION:

These courses are to be selected in consultation with the Program Director so as to effectuate a balanced educational program. Select a total (minimum) of 24 credit hours as indicated below:

Communications	12
Humanities and Fine Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	4
Total Minimum Required General Education Credits	24

TOTAL MINIMUM QUARTER CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED 96