BCCC

Baltimore City Community College

CODING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE

This certificate course of study prepares a graduate for employment in a hospital, or a related healthcare setting, analyzing charts in order to assign codes using the ICD-10-CM, CPT-4, and DSM V-TR classification systems. Graduates are also able to use computer software encoders to obtain codes; the Medicare DRG, APR groupers for inpatients; and the APC grouper for assigning APCs for reimbursement. Students gain practice in coding a variety of medical specialties and problems on acute care, ambulatory and long-term care patients. Every coding course requires a mandatory lab. This program can be completed by taking web-based and virtual online classes.

While this certificate requires only 39 credits, it takes three or four semesters to complete because of course prerequisites. Students who complete the requirements earn the certificate as a Coding Specialist. Graduates are eligible to take the certification examinations administered by the American Health Information Management Association. Passing the entry-level exam entitles the student to use the initial CCA (Certified Coding Associate).

Learn more at
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CAREER OPTIONS

- Acute Care hospitals
- Ambulatory & Outpatient Clinics
- Insurance companies

BCCC'S ADVANTAGE

- Small classes
- Virtual online labs
- Eligible for national certifying coding exams

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SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

Every degree-seeking student must complete the College's General Education Requirements in addition to the requirements of his/her academic program. Through the College's General Education Requirements, students acquire basic knowledge of the disciplines in the areas of arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, biological and physical sciences, mathematics, English composition, and computer literacy.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES	CREDITS	COURSE #
Preparation for Academic Achievement	1	PRE 100
Medical Terminology	3	AHP 130
English Writing	3	ENG 101
Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIO 202
Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIO 203
Modern Elementary Statistics	3	MAT 107
18 Credits		

1ST SEMESTER	CREDITS	COURSE #
Allied Health Pharmacology	2	AHP 135
Study of Disease Process	3	AHP 230
Introduction to Health Information Management Technology	4	HIT 121
9 Credits		

2ND SEMESTER	CREDITS	COURSE #
ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding Principles and Practices	4	HIT 124
Computer Applications in Healthcare	2	HIT 232
6 Credits		

3RD SEMESTER	CREDITS	COURSE #
CPT-4 Coding Principles and RVUs/APCs	2	HIT 132
Advanced Medical Coding	2	HIT 227
Healthcare Reimbursement	2	HIT 243
6 Credits		

Complete Application to Coding Specialist Certificate Program - see the "Coding Specialist Certificate Admission Criteria and Process" @ www.bccc.edu/Page/1672

Students must score 35 or higher on the science placement test to be exempt from BIO 101 or BIO 102. Transfer and returning students may be required to repeat any AH and HIT course whose credits are more than three years old.

Students must earn a "C" or better in BIO 202\BIO 203 and all AHP and HIT courses. For additional information regarding admission and/or continued enrollment in the program, students should contact the program coordinator.