

Medical Coding Advanced Certificate

Certificate Number 90-530-4

Description:

The Medical Coding Certificate Options are designed to prepare students for employment in all types of healthcare organizations, insurance companies, or government agencies associated with reimbursement, health services research, and healthcare planning. The Medical Coding Advanced Certificate builds upon prior learning to add additional skills, particularly hospital coding and a clinic experience.

Requirements for Certificate Entry:

- High school graduate.
- Completion of Medical Coding Basic Certificate.

Special Note:

No final grade lower than "C" is acceptable in any of the courses. A student must repeat the particular course to achieve a "C" or better final grade in order to continue in or complete this certificate.

Prior to beginning 10-530-125 Medical Code-Clinical, the following requirements must be met:

- NWTC is required to comply with the Wisconsin Caregiver Law (1997 WISCONSIN ACT 27.) The completion of a caregiver background check includes the review of criminal records for convictions of serious crimes or a history of improper behavior. Students accepted into health programs, must complete a background information form disclosing any acts, crimes, or convictions prior to program entry. The information provided in the background information form must be truthful and match any findings on the criminal record check. Students with a criminal history may be denied access to clinical placement at the discretion of the clinical site. Consequently, should a student have a history of convictions of serious crimes or a history of improper behaviors, NWTC cannot guarantee clinical placement, or guarantee graduation withing typical program timing.
- Complete physical examination within three months before entering certificate and maintain current immunization information.

Medical Coding Advanced Certificate Completers Will be Able to:

- Code diagnoses and surgical procedures using ICD-9-CM and/or CPT-4/HCPCS.
- Apply anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacology to obtain correct codes.
- Understand and apply coding principles using medical records and case scenarios.
- Use a computerized encoder and the traditional coding manuals.
- Apply various reimbursement methodologies and insurance principles as they relate to coding.
- Gain an appreciation of other classification systems.
- Differentiate coding principles in different types of health care settings (hospital, clinic, long-term care, etc.)
- Experience coding work life prior to program completion.
- Use the skills obtained in all types of health settings, particularly hospitals.

Curriculum

| CATALOG # | DESCRIPTION | CREDITS |
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| 10-530-195 <i>Offered in: Fall 2008 Spring 2009</i> | Applied Coding ...assign ICD and CPT/HCPCS codes supported by medical documentation at intermediate level. Prepare appropriate physician queries in accordance with compliance guidelines and will assign codes to optimize appropriate reimbursement. (Prerequisites: 10-530-183, ICD-9-CM Coding; 10-530-184, CPT Coding; 10-530-185, Healthcare Reimbursement) | 2 |
| 10-530-176 <i>Offered in: Fall 2008 Spring 2009</i> | Health Data Management ...introduces the use and structure of health care data elements, data sets, data standards, their relationships to primary and secondary record systems and health information processing. (Corequisites: 10-530-181, Intro to Health Record; 10-530-172, Healthcare Delivery Systems.) | 2 |
| 10-530-172 <i>Offered in: Fall 2008 Spring 2009</i> | Healthcare Delivery Systems ...examines the organization, financing, regulation, and delivery of health care services. Includes the study of healthcare professionals. | 2 |
| 10-530-125 <i>Offered in: Fall 2008 Spring 2009</i> | Medical Code-Clinical ...application of coding knowledge and procedures in two clinical environments, acute care and ambulatory, practicing ICD-9-CM and CPT/HCPCS coding under supervision of an experienced clinical coder. (Prerequisites: 10-530-172, Healthcare Delivery Systems; 10-530-176, Health Data Management; 10-530-195, Applied Coding) | 2 |

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