

MEDICAL CODING AND BILLING INDUSTRY FACTS



WHAT DO MEDICAL CODING AND BILLING PROFESSIONALS DO?

Medical coding and billing professionals translate medical records into standardized codes used to bill patients and third-party payers such as insurance companies and Medicare.

Coders use 3 different code sets: CPT, HCPCS, and ICD-9/10. It's important to train on the new ICD-10 code set because all healthcare facilities and physicians must transition from the ICD-9 codes to these new codes on October 1, 2014. The ICD-10 code set includes:

- **ICD-10-CM codes**, which are used in hospitals, physicians' offices, clinics, and similar settings to report diagnoses.
- **ICD-10-PCS codes**, which are used to report procedures in acute and long-term hospital inpatient settings.



The comprehensive Professional Medical Coding and Billing program will teach you to use all of these codes—CPT, HCPCS, ICD-10-CM, and ICD-10-PCS—making sure you have the skills needed to earn national certification and start working.

“Thanks to the great training, I passed my CPC exam on the first try. It only took me two months to get my first coding job. I was also told that my employee entrance exam was one of the better ones they had come across in a long time. I owe it all to the intense and complete training.”

- Jeanette, Class of 2012

WHERE DO MEDICAL CODING AND BILLING PROFESSIONALS WORK?

Medical coding and billing professionals usually work on-site at a healthcare facility. Positions can be found in physicians' offices, clinics, hospitals, insurance companies, large coding outsourcing companies, and other healthcare facilities.

HOW MUCH DO MEDICAL CODING AND BILLING PROFESSIONALS EARN?

This career offers an established career path for advancement, especially in large hospital networks, and leading industry organizations report that, on average, medical coding and billing professionals earn over \$40,000 a year. Medical coding and billing professional can also increase their earning potential by earning additional industry certifications.

IS THE MEDICAL CODING AND BILLING FIELD GROWING?

The 2012-2013 edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, published by the U.S. Department of Labor, estimates:

- **A growing job market** as industry employment is projected to increase by 21% by 2020. In addition to these new jobs, there will also be open positions as people retire or leave the profession and facilities.
- **A high demand** for coding services, sustained by an aging population; the increasing number of medical tests, treatments, and procedures; the existing shortage of medical coders; and the transition to ICD-10 codes.
- **A growing number of professionals** needed in the field to code patients' records; act as liaisons between healthcare facilities, insurance companies, and other establishments; and manage the responsibilities associated with electronic health records.

PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CODING AND BILLING PROGRAM DETAILS

TRAINING DESIGNED TO IMPROVE YOUR LIFE

Built on over 20 years of experience in training high-quality healthcare professionals, the AHIMA-approved Professional Medical Coding and Billing program helps you quickly gain the knowledge and skills you need to get a good job to better support your family and improve your financial security.

PREPARE FOR A BETTER JOB

Our AHIMA-approved, expert-designed curriculum includes everything you need to prepare for a successful new career and is trusted by some of the largest healthcare institutions in the country, including the leading provider of healthcare services in the U.S. and one of the country's largest managed healthcare companies. Choose the training employers trust to:

- Prepare you to pass the CCA (offered by AHIMA) or CPC (offered by AAPC) national certification exams
- Help you gain hands-on experience on real-world records so you're prepared for the workforce
- Train you to begin working immediately upon graduation

LEARN AT HOME

With online training, you can minimize the challenges of taking time out to return to school. The online training format lets you:

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at the pace that matches your learning style
- Enjoy the flexibility to adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

ACCOMPLISH YOUR GOALS WITH USEFUL EDUCATION

Our AHIMA-approved training is designed to help you accomplish your goal of getting a job. In addition to employer-trusted curriculum and online flexibility, you'll also have one-on-one access to three instructor support teams—student support, technical support, and graduate support—to ensure you can complete your education and prepare for a better future! All of these support teams are committed to helping you:

- Graduate quickly
- Prepare for the national certification exams
- Successfully move into the workforce

PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND APPROXIMATE COMPLETION HOURS

Module	Hours
Program Orientation	1
Computer Fundamentals	5
Health Information Management	50
Healthcare Delivery Systems	13
Legal and Compliance	5
Reimbursement Methodologies	45
Medical Terminology	50
Pathophysiology	50
Anatomy and Physiology	45
Pharmacology	30
Introduction to Coding	25
ICD-10 Coding	50
CPT/HCPCS Coding - Block 1	45
CPT/HCPCS Coding - Block 2	45
Advanced ICD-10 Coding	60
Coding Practicum	45
Final Exam Preparation	1
TOTAL	565