Medical Billing and Coding

Career Options... Medical Billing and Coding is a rewarding field in healthcare. Medicine is more than patient care, it is also a business. Medical practices rely on medical billers and coders to provide the cash flow that keeps their doors open. Positions are also available with ambulatory care centers, medical equipment suppliers, insurance companies, public health agencies, consulting firms, and medical billing companies.

Spoon River College Community Outreach offers an online program in Medical Billing & Coding. Visit Health & Fitness at http://careertraining.ed2go.com/spoonriver/ for course information which also includes program outlines, requirements, and FAQs.

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Medical Billing and Coding is an ideal program for students new to a medical career. If you’re seeking entry into the healthcare industry, this comprehensive program will provide you with all of the information you need to earn a certification in medical billing and coding. You will build a foundation of medical vocabulary, to help you better understand the contents of a patient’s medical record, as well as notes from practicing physicians. In addition, you’ll learn current medical coding standards, so you can be successful within the industry. You will learn to function as an important member of the healthcare team by providing key skills, such as abstracting from medical records, assigning codes to diagnoses and procedures using the ICD-10-CM, ICD-10-PCS, CPT and HCPCS Level II code books, developing insurance claims according to third-party guidelines, and understanding the legal, ethical, and regulatory concepts that are vital to this field. In the Medical Terminology portion of the class, you will learn the “language of medicine” and study the disorders and medical procedures common to each body system. There are several courses to choose from depending on which Certification Voucher you want included with your registration. This is a 12-Month Program. Program Options Include (Choose one):

- CBCS Medical Billing and Coding (Voucher Included): $2195
- CPC Medical Billing and Coding (Voucher Included): $2695
- CCA Medical Billing and Coding (Voucher Included): $2695

Do I want the CBCS, CPC or the CCA Voucher option?

CBCS: During this course, you will learn the foundations of a medical vocabulary to help you better understand the contents of a patient's medical record, as well as notes from practicing physicians. In addition, you'll learn current medical coding standards, so you can be successful within the industry. You will be prepared to sit for the Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) exam offered by the National Healthcareer Association (NHA). This course includes a voucher which covers the fee of the exam. Visit www.nhanow.com to learn more about this certification and testing locations.

CPC: This course prepares you for the American Academy of Professional Coders' (AAPC) Certified Professional Coder (CPC) exam. You will complete PractiCode lessons, practice exams, and work from the official CPC Certification guide. This course includes a 1-year AAPC membership and voucher for the CPC exam cost and one free retake. Visit www.aapc.com to learn more about this certification and testing locations.

CCA: This course is designed to help you successfully prepare for the Certified Coding Associate (CCA) exam, offered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). This course includes a voucher which covers the fee of the exam. Visit www.ahima.org to learn more about this certification and testing locations.

- Should you need more time to complete your program, an extension of six months is available at no additional cost.
- Financial aid assistance is not available for this program.
- Payment is due in full at time of registration.

To learn more or to sign up, go to: http://careertraining.ed2go.com/spoonriver/
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