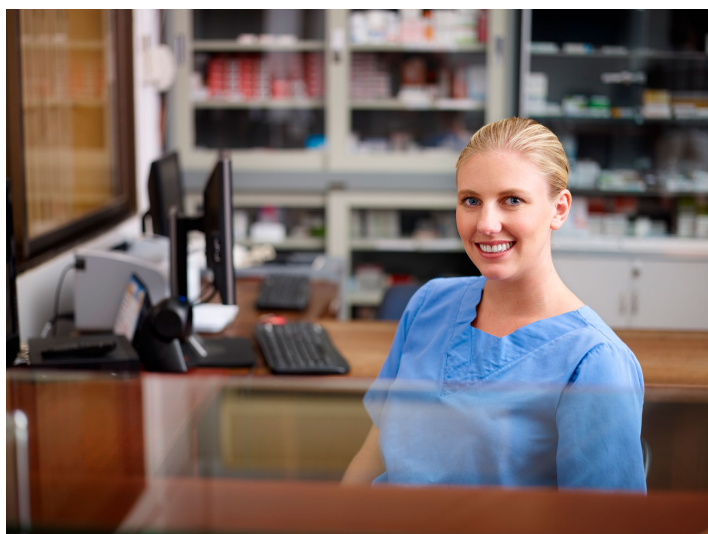


MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST, LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE



Program Information

Medical coding professionals review health record documentation and convert medical diagnoses, procedures, services and equipment into medical codes that are required for billing and reimbursement.

The Certificate of Technology in Medical Coding is designed to teach all aspects of medical coding. Upon completion of this program, students are eligible to apply to take the national Certified Coding Associate (CCA) and Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) examinations, administered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) as well as the Certified Professional Coder (CPC) examination, administered by the American Association of Professional Coders (AAPC).

Opportunities

Program graduates are qualified for entry-level medical coding specialist positions in all health care settings such as hospitals, physicians' offices, and clinics.

Earning Potential

National average salary by credential:

Certified Coding Associate (CCA) average salary: \$45,500¹

Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) average salary: \$60,160¹

National average salary by job level:

Coding Professional: \$54,730¹

¹ Source: <https://my.ahima.org/careemap>, 2019

For more information, students may email HealthInformationManagement@sjcd.edu or call 281-459-7608.

Campus

North Campus

The Medical Coding Specialist program includes one clinical (practicum) course. Clinicals are unpaid experiences in which students are supervised by a coding professional at the health care facility. Clinicals are scheduled during the day shift according to the availability of the site supervisor. The Program cannot guarantee a specific site, but every effort will be made to accommodate the student. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the clinical site. A criminal background check is required of all program students and must be submitted prior to enrollment in the clinical course. Documentation of immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella, completion of the Hepatitis B series, and an annual Tuberculosis screening are also required prior to enrollment in the clinical course. Drug screening may be required by the clinical site.

Plan of Study

North Campus
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First Term		Credits
HITT 1305	Medical Terminology I	3
HITT 1301	Health Data Content and Structure	3
ITSC 1309 or BCIS 1305	Integrated Software Applications I or Business Computer Applications	3
BIOL 2404	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology (lecture & lab) (or BIOL 2301 and BIOL 2101 and BIOL 2302 and BIOL 2102)	4
Credits		13
Second Term		Credits
HITT 2371	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology	3
HITT 1341	Coding and Classification Systems	3
HITT 1342	Ambulatory Coding	3
HITT 1311	Health Information Systems	3
HITT 1353	Legal and Ethical Aspects of Health Information	3
Credits		15
Summer Year One Term		Credits
HITT 2245	Coding Certification Exam Review	2
HITT 2335	Coding and Reimbursement Methodologies	3
HITT 1360	Clinical-Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician	3
Credits		8
Total Credits		36

External Learning Experience: HITT 1360 Clinical-Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician

National Certification Exam: Certified Coding Specialist (CCS), Certified Coding Associate (CCA) or Certified Professional Coder (CPC).

Note: Students must pass each HITT course listed in the medical coding specialist level 2 certificate of technology plan with a grade of C to be eligible to receive the certificate.