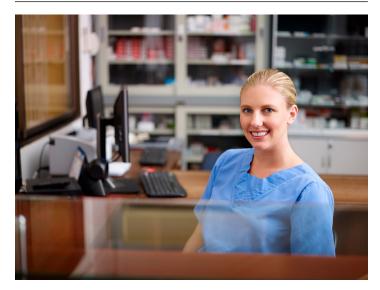
# MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST, LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE



# **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: \$45,500<sup>1</sup>

Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) average salary: \$60,160<sup>1</sup>

#### National average salary by job level:

Coding Professional: \$54,730<sup>1</sup>

Source: https://my.ahima.org/careermap, 2019

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

### **Campuses**

North Campus

San Jac Online

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.

Students enrolling into San Jacinto College programs with external learning experiences (i.e., clinical, practicum, externship, cooperative, etc.) will be required to comply with the immunization requirements and policies of the clinical/external learning sites to engage in all clinical/external learning experiences. Vaccination requirements at clinical/external learning sites are implemented pursuant to the independent authority of such facilities and are not mandated by San Jacinto College. Failure to meet the immunization requirements mandated by clinical/external learning sites may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the clinical/external learning site.

## **Plan of Study**

5HITT-MDC

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			
HITT 2330	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			
HITT 2245	Coding Certification Exam Review	2	
HITT 2335	Coding and Reimbursement Methodologies	3	

#### Medical Coding Specialist, Level 2 Certificate

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	Total Credits	36
	Credits	8
HIII 1300	Clinical-Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician	3
HITT 1360	Clinical Health Information (Madical	2

**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 plan with a grade of C or higher to be eligible to receive the certificate.