

Articulation Agreement
Medical Coding Prior Learning Credit

Between
Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education
and
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

This Articulation Agreement is made and entered into by and between the **Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (ODCTE)** and **Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU)** for the purpose of establishing a pathway for students who hold applicable Medical Coding credentials to receive prior learning assessment credit toward eligible SWOSU Associate of Applied Science in Medical Coding degree requirements.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a structured process for recognizing college-level Medical Coding learning obtained through ODCTE programs culminating in successful Medical Coding certification. The parties intend to reduce duplication of coursework, support workforce development, and improve student transition into SWOSU academic programs.

2. Definitions

For purposes of this agreement:

- **Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)** means the evaluation of learning acquired outside the traditional classroom for possible academic credit.
- **Credential** means a recognized **Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)**, **Certified Coding Associate (CCA)**, or other certification deemed appropriate by SWOSU faculty as applicable.
- **Credit award** means semester credit granted by SWOSU after faculty review and equivalency determination. SWOSU's catalog specifically identifies prior learning assessment as eligible extra-institutional credit within stated limits.

3. Eligibility

A student may be considered for credit under this agreement if the student:

- Holds a current, valid Medical Coding credential relevant to the course content.

- Submits official documentation required by SWOSU Allied Health Sciences.
- Meets SWOSU admission and program requirements.

4. Credit Evaluation

SWOSU shall evaluate Medical Coding-related prior learning through certification or verification.

5. Credit Award

Credit may be awarded only when SWOSU faculty determine that the student's learning is equivalent to the learning outcomes of a SWOSU course. Credit awarded under this agreement:

- Shall be transcribed as SWOSU-approved credit once twelve credit hours are completed at SWOSU.
- May be used only where the course applies to the student's degree plan.
- Shall remain subject to residency, upper-division, and program-specific requirements.

6. Suggested Medical Coding Credit Crosswalk

The parties may adopt the following preliminary framework, subject to final faculty approval:

ODCTE / Medical Coding Source	SWOSU Credit Type	Suggested Hours
Medical Coding Program Completion and certificate verification	CMSC 1023 Computer Info & Access	3
	ALHLT 2154 A&P I	4
	HIM 3153 Fundamentals of Coding	3
	HIM 3333 Coding I with lab	3
	ALHLT 4074 Pathophysiology	4
	ALHLT 3073 DDT	3
	HIM 3223 Intro to Elec. Health Rec.	3

ODCTE / Medical Coding Source	SWOSU Credit Type	Suggested Hours
	HIM 3343 Coding II with Lab	3
	HIM 4132 Coding Internship	2

7. Documentation Required

To receive consideration for credit, a student must submit:

- Official transcript or program completion record.
- Current Medical Coding certificate.

Signatures

Southwestern Oklahoma State University and **Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (ODCTE)** hereby enter into this articulation agreement on July 20, 2026 by affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.

Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education



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Southwestern Oklahoma State University



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