

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MEDICAL CODING

Upon completion of the Medical Coding Program, the graduate should be able to demonstrate mastery of the *Entry-Level Competencies for the Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)* described in the most recent roles and functions study, as delineated by the profession. These competencies are periodically updated by the Education Strategy Committee of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), based on feedback obtained from the membership through various methods. These competencies serve as the basis for curriculum content and structure in accredited programs. Coding specialists are skilled in classifying medical data from patient records, often in a hospital setting, but also in various other healthcare settings. The CCS credential demonstrates a practitioner's tested skills in data quality and accuracy, as well as mastery of coding proficiency. The CCS certification is a natural progression for professionals experienced in coding inpatient and outpatient records. Coding specialists create coded data used by hospitals and medical providers to obtain reimbursement from insurance companies or government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. Researchers and public health officials also use this data to monitor patterns and explore new interventions. The purpose of the Coding Internship is to provide the vital link between textbook, campus instruction, and on-site experience. Students are assigned to a health care facility for 80 hours to gain "real-life" experience throughout the professional curriculum. Affiliate sites are located in Oklahoma City and other locations throughout Oklahoma. Arrangements may be made for students to complete requirements in out-of-state facilities. Students are responsible for all expenses incurred, including meals, transportation, and lodging. In addition, the student should be able to demonstrate current health insurance coverage, a recent physical examination and immunizations, a drug screen, and completion of a background check prior to participating in practical experiences, as well as any additional requirements specified by the healthcare facility.

Courses that are **required** are in bold type.

Communication.....6

ENGL 1113 English Composition I
ENGL 1213 English Composition II

Quantitative Reasoning3

Select one course.

MATH 1143 Mathematical Concepts
MATH 1153 Mathematical Applications
MATH 1193 Elementary Statistics
MATH 1313 Functions and Modeling
MATH 1513 College Algebra
or a higher numbered math course

U. S. History3

Select one course.

HIST 1043 U.S. History to 1877
HIST 1053 U.S. History since 1877

American Government.....3

POLSC 1103 American Government & Politics

Computer Proficiency.....3

COMSC 1023 Computer and Information Access
Students must demonstrate computer proficiency by one of the following:
High School Computer Science Course, SWOSU computer proficiency exam,
or COMSC 1023 Computer & Info Access.

Major Courses..... 32

HIM 3153 Fundamentals of Coding
HIM 3333 Coding I w/Lab
HIM 3213 Healthcare Legal Systems
HIM 3033 Introduction to HIM
HIM 3223 Introduction to Electronic Health Records
HIM 3343 Coding II w/lab
HIM 4143 Revenue Management
HIM 3173 Information and Protection in Healthcare
HIM 4223 Managerial Coding
HIM 4163 Healthcare Reimbursement
HIM 4132 Coding Internship

Ancillary Courses..... 14

ALHLT 2453 Medical Terminology
ALHLT 2154 A&P I
ALHLT 4074 Pathophysiology
ALHLT 3073 Diagnostics, Drugs, and Therapeutics

TOTAL HOURS.....6