

Official Program Outline



HERZING[®]
— UNIVERSITY —

ASSOCIATES OF SCIENCE/APPLIED SCIENCE IN MEDICAL CODING (ASMC/AASMC)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of this associate's program in medical coding is to provide the student with a thorough understanding of the content of anatomy, physiology, disease processes, and medical terminology. This program will provide the student with the knowledge and understanding to analyze medical records and assign codes to classify diagnoses and procedures. Basic and advanced coding methods will be employed. Student will gain an understanding of the importance of patient privacy while applying the principles of professional and ethical conduct. The program will prepare the student for an entry-level position as a medical coder in a hospital, clinic, physician's office, or other healthcare facility.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program, the student should be able to:

1. Examine medical documentation for appropriate codes using terminology, disease process, anatomy and physiology and pharmacology.
2. Employ appropriate basic and advanced coding format and guidelines to assign medical codes.
3. Understand principles of patient privacy and ethical conduct.

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to, medical records, medical coder, inpatient coder, outpatient coder and coding specialists.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 60.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED COURSES

All courses, 34.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
HC 101	Medical Terminology	None	1.00
MC 120	Patient Privacy	None	3.00
MC 165	Current Procedural Terminology I	SC 144	3.00
MC 175	International Classification of Diseases 10 CM I	SC 144	3.00
MC 210	Certification Review	Final Term of Study, PGPA 2.00	1.00
MC 265	Current Procedural Terminology II	MC 165	3.00
MC 275	International Classification of Diseases 10 CM II	MC 175	3.00
MC 280	International Classification of Diseases 10 PCS	MC 175	3.00

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MC 285	Advanced Coding	MC 280	3.00
MO 160	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology	HC 101 or HI 221	3.00
MO 185	Medical Ethics and Professionalism	None	1.00
MO 205	Insurance Claims, Processing and Adjudication	None	3.00
SC 144	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology	None	4.00

REQUIRED INTERNSHIP OR RESEARCH PROJECT

4.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
MC 291	Insurance Billing and Coding Capstone	All Didactic Work, Final Term of Study, PGPA 2.00	4.00
MC 294**	Insurance Billing and Coding Internship	All Didactic Work, Final Term of Study, and PGPA of 2.00	4.00

** Enrollment in a student readiness training is required two terms prior to internship course. Successful completion of training is required prior to internship course enrollment.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

1.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
PD 202	Professional Development II	None	1.00

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolled in this bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 24.00 semester credit hours in general education distributed among the following disciplines.

9.00 Semester Credit Hours in Communications

- EN 104 – English Composition I
- EN 111- Information Literacy
- EN 116 – Speech

6.00 Semester Credit Hours in Humanities

- HU 140 – Cultural Diversity
- HU 240 – Introduction to Humanities

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Mathematics

- MA 109 – College Algebra

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Science

- SC 144 – Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology*

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Social and Behavioral Sciences

- PS 101 – Psychology

*This requirement is being met by the programmatic science course requirements.

Distribution of Clock Hours by Course					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Internship	Total Clock Hours	Credits
HC 101	15.00			15.00	1.00
MO 160	30.00	30.00		60.00	3.00
MO 185	15.00			15.00	1.00
MO 205	45.00			45.00	3.00
MC 120	45.00			45.00	3.00
MC 175	45.00			45.00	3.00
MC 165	45.00			45.00	3.00
MC 265	45.00			45.00	3.00
MC 275	45.00			45.00	3.00
MC 280	45.00			45.00	3.00
MC 285	45.00			45.00	3.00
MC 210	15.00			15.00	1.00
MC 291 <i>OR</i>	60.00			60.00	4.00
MC 294			180.00	180.00	
EN 104	45.00			45.00	3.00
EN 111	45.00			45.00	3.00
EN 116	45.00			45.00	3.00
HU 140	45.00			45.00	3.00
HU 240	45.00			45.00	3.00
MA 109	45.00			45.00	3.00
SC 144	45.00	30.00		75.00	4.00
PS 101	45.00			45.00	3.00
PD 202	15.00			15.00	1.00
Totals w/MC291	870.00	60.00		930.00	60.00
Totals w/MC294	810.00	60.00	180.00	1,050.00	60.00