



# Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

## **Certificate**

### **Health Information Management-Medical Coding Specialist – Advising Guide**

The Medical Coding Specialist Certificate Program offers students a well-rounded curriculum to prepare the graduate for the workforce in a successful new career path in diverse health care settings to include but not limited to hospitals, physician offices, behavioral health facilities, skilled-nursing facilities, home health organizations, hospice care, health plan payers and research organizations. Courses in the Program are offered on-ground, virtual, and/or online, depending on the class. All classes are offered in the evening starting at 5pm.

The Medical Coding Specialist Certificate Program is a one-year certificate program that begins each spring semester. Students must satisfy all prerequisites with a grade of “C” or better to be eligible to be admitted to the program. Upon graduation the student is eligible to sit for the Certified Professional Coder (CPC) certification exam offered by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC). Some courses taught in the Medical Coding Specialist Certificate Program can be applied toward the Health Information Management Program should the student desire to continue their educational endeavors toward an associate of applied science degree.

\*You must be admitted into this program. See [website](#) for admission requirements.

| <b>Semester 1 – Prerequisites</b>  |                   |   |
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| <b>Course</b>  | <b>Credits</b>    | <b>Action Steps</b>   |
| HLSC 100 Intro to Healthcare Careers<br>(Program Prerequisite Requirement)<br>*Not required for students with 12 or more completed credits<br>*May substitute COLL 100 | 2                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with Student Success Advisor to set up a degree plan in Starfish</li> <li>• Apply to program</li> </ul>     |
| HIM 100 Medical Terminology or BIOL 150 Medical Terminology<br>(Program Prerequisite Requirement)  | 3                 |   |
| HLSC 108 Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions<br>(Program Prerequisite Requirement)<br>*May substitute BIOL 109 or BIOL 110 <b>and</b> BIOL 210               | 4                 |   |
| <b>Total Credits</b>   | <b>9</b>          |   |
| <b>Semester 2 – Spring</b>   |                   |   |
| CODE 107 Medical Billing   | 2                 |   |
| CODE 202 Classification of Diseases  | 4                 |   |
| CODE 207 Classification of Procedural Coding Systems   | 3                 |   |
| <b>Total Credits</b>   | <b>9</b>          |   |
| <b>Semester 3 - Fall</b>   |                   |   |
| CODE 210 Pathophysiology for Medical Coding <b>OR</b> BIOL 137 Introduction to Pathophysiology   | 2 - 4             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for graduation</li> <li>• Work with Career Services to prepare resume</li> <li>• Apply for jobs</li> </ul> |
| CODE 218 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Coding   | 4                 |   |
| CODE 221 Coding Professional Practicum   | 2.5               |   |
| <b>Total Credits</b>   | <b>8.5 – 10.5</b> |   |



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| <b>Credits Required</b>  | <b>27.5</b> |
| <i>*The Certificate requires a minimum of 27.5 total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation</i> |             |

This Pathway Map is an advising tool and identifies the course taking recommendations for timely certificate completion. Certificate requirements and prerequisites information can be found here: <https://mcckc.edu/programs/coding-specialist/>.

All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interest, and objectives.

Courses may have prerequisites, see [academic catalog](#) for additional information