MEDICAL CODING

NORTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SUCCEED HERE

HIGH DEMAND FIELD!

100% Online

Contact:
admissions@nmcc.edu

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are prepared to work in various healthcare & employment settings, including:

- hospitals
- physician offices
- home health agencies
- insurance companies
- computer software companies
- clinics
- long-term care facilities
- government agencies
- consulting firms

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- At least 18 years old
- High school diploma/HiSET/GED
- Currently unemployed or underemployed
- Maine resident
- Impacted by the pandemic
- Fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- Living in rural area of Maine *(some counties/towns excluded)*
- Must complete the program with cohort

The cohort sessions run for 9 consecutive months.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Contact admissions to complete initial and supplemental application.

- Interviews will be scheduled prior to acceptance.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Medical coding is a fully online, nine month certificate program that prepares students for the rapidly expanding field of medical coding. Instruction focuses on developing an understanding of the language of medicine and the ability to apply it to professional coding standards. The curriculum concentrates on the areas of anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, pharmacology, and clinical classification systems. Coders are required to extract medical documentation from a patient's chart and correlate the diagnosis and procedures performed into numerical code numbers. This type of work is done in all healthcare facilities. The student gains knowledge and practice in computer software programs such as encoders and electronic medical records systems, allowing students to have real world, hands-on application of coding practice.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible for certification as a Coding Associate (CCA) through the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). With some experience, they become eligible for additional national certification examinations through AHIMA or the American Academy of Professional Coders.

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2023-2024

Certificate Program

First Semester		C	L	CR
> ALH 220	Medical Terminology	3	0	3
> BIO 114	Human Biology with Lab	3	2	4
ENG 111	English Composition	3	0	3
> HIT 114	Clinical Classification Systems with Lab I	2	2	3
> HIT 116	Clinical Classification Systems with Lab II	2	2	3
		13	6	16

Second Semester				
> HIT 112	Medical Law, Reimbursement & Delivery Systems	3	0	3
> HIT 115	Pathophysiology & Pharmacology	3	0	3
> HIT 214	ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding Part II	3	0	3
> HIT 216	CPT Coding Part II	3	0	3
MAT 116	Quantitative Reasoning (or MAT 125)	3	0	3
		15	0	15

Third Semester				
> HIT 219	Medical Coding Internship/Professional Practical Experience	0	60	2

Total Required   **33**

> Major courses; a minimum grade of "C" or 2.0 in required

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Key: C= Class Hours, CR= Credit Hours, L= Laboratory

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