MEDICAL CODING

NORTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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HIGH DEMAND FIELD!

Questions?

Contact:
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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

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures constitute the admissions process:

1. Submit an NMCC application.

2. Submit official high school transcript and/or HiSET/GED scores (current senior's transcript should include completed ranking period grades).

3. Official college transcripts for applicants who have attended other post-secondary schools.

4. If SAT scores are not available, placement testing may be required.

5. Meet with an Admissions Counselor.

6. A campus tour is highly recommended.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Medical Coding is a two-semester 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.

MEDICAL CODING
Certificate Program

First Semester			C	L	CR
> ALH	220	**Medical Terminology**	3	0	3
> BIO	201	**Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab**	3	2	4
CIS	113	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications	3	0	3
ENG	111	English Composition	3	0	3
> HIT	114	**Clinical Classification Systems I with Lab**	3	2	4
			15	4	17

Second Semester					
> BIO	211	**Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab**	3	2	4
> HIT	111	**Medical Law & Ethics**	3	0	3
> HIT	115	**Clinical Applications Pathophysiology & Pharmacology**	3	0	3
> HIT	214	**Clinical Classification Systems II with Lab**	3	2	4
MAT	116	Quantitative Reasoning	3	0	3
			15	4	17

Total Required 34

> *Major courses; a minimum grade of "C" or 2.0 is required*
Key: C= Class Hours, CR= Credit Hours, L= Laboratory

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