

Medical Coding Specialist

31-530-2 | Technical Diploma | 29 Credits | One Year | Financial Aid Eligible

Campus: Online

Program Overview

The Medical Coding Specialist reviews medical documentation provided by physicians and other healthcare providers and translates this into numeric codes. The coding specialist assigns and sequences diagnostic and procedural codes using universally-recognized coding systems. Several uses of coded data are for payment of healthcare claims, statistics and medical research.

Special Features

- All courses will be offered online
- The program may be completed in a full-time or part-time format
- Begin your journey in the Medical Coding Specialist program and seamlessly transition into the two-year Health Information Technology program; see page 115 for information on the Health Information Technology program

Admission Requirements

- Complete Online application form
- Submit an official high school (or HSED/GED) transcript with graduation date.
 - If you are a current high school student, you can be admitted with an unofficial, or official, current transcript. Your final official transcript with graduation date must be submitted prior to the program starting or you will be withdrawn from the program.
- Complete admissions meeting with a Northwood Tech counselor (academic admission requirements apply - see page 37 for more information)

Program-Specific Requirements

- Review and complete the computer skills inventory
- Review Medical Coding Specialist program orientation materials
- Meet with Medical Coding Specialist program advisor to determine program sequencing and completion goals

Program Outcomes

Medical Coding Specialist graduates will be able to:

- Collect health data
- Model professional behaviors and ethics
- Use electronic applications to support coding and data collection
- Apply coding and reimbursement systems

Career Outlook

Typical positions available after graduation include:

- Medical Coding Specialist
- Clinical Coding Specialist
- Claims Analyst

Career Pathway ►

The Medical Coding Specialist program is a pathway into the following program (page 213):

- Health Information Technology

Required Courses

Number	Course Title	Credits (cr.)
Program Courses		
10501107	Digital Literacy for Healthcare	2 cr.
10530159	Healthcare Revenue Management*	3 cr.
10530162	Foundations of HIM*	3 cr.
10530165	Intermediate Coding*	3 cr.
10530182	Human Disease for the Health Professions*	3 cr.
10530184	CPT Coding*	3 cr.
10530197	ICD Diagnosis Coding*	3 cr.
10530199	ICD Procedure Coding*	<u>2 cr.</u>
Program Courses Total		22 cr.
General Education Courses		
10501101	Medical Terminology	3 cr.
10806177	General Anatomy and Physiology	<u>4 cr.</u>
General Education Courses Total		7 cr.
TOTAL CREDITS		29 cr.

* Requires a prerequisite and/or corequisite that must be completed with a grade point of 2.0 or better.

You must earn a grade point of 2.0 or better in all required courses.

Course repeat policies exist that allow for only a certain number of retakes within this program; please refer to the policies for details

See pages 221-302 for course descriptions.