

**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

The coding program is designed for students to become coding specialists with demonstrated knowledge and skills in applications of classifications and nomenclatures to health information. Coding with approved classification systems is required for direct patient care, research, and fiscal reimbursement. Recipients of the Certificate of Achievement in Medical Coding may apply to take the national certification exam given by the American Health Information Management Association. Successful candidates receive the Certified Coding Associate (CCA), Certified Coding Specialist (CCS), or Certified Coding Specialist – Physician Based (CCS-P) credential. The Certificate of Achievement in Medical Coding may serve towards the first year of the Associate of Applied Science degree in Health Information Technology. The Medical Coding program is approved by the American Health Information Management Association, 233 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2150, Chicago, IL 60601-5519, (312) 233-1100.

Students should meet with a health programs advisor for additional information.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES - Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:**

- Demonstrate coding competency as published by the American Health Information Management Association.
- Demonstrate competencies necessary to successfully pass one of the national coding registry examinations.
- Demonstrate knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary to gain employment as a medical coder.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (3 Credits):**

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| <b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b><br>ENG 100, 101, 113 | 3-5 | _____    |

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (38 Credits):**

|   | CR | SEMESTER |
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| <b>COT 127B</b> Microsoft Office for Offices                      | 3  | _____    |
| <b>HHP 123B</b> Introduction to the Human Body                    | 4  | _____    |
| <b>HHP 124B</b> Introduction to the Human Body Computer Lab       | 1  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 105B</b> Healthcare Delivery Systems                       | 2  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 106B</b> Healthcare Reimbursement                          | 2  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 118B</b> Language of Medicine                              | 3  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 119B</b> Introduction to Pharmacology and Laboratory Tests | 2  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 165B</b> Pathophysiology                                   | 4  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 180B</b> Introduction to Health Information Management     | 2  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 184B</b> Introduction to ICD Coding                        | 4  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 185B</b> Introduction to CPT Coding                        | 3  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 186B</b> Advanced Outpatient Coding                        | 2  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 201B</b> Advanced Coding Systems                           | 3  | _____    |
| <b>HIT 210B</b> Coding Practice Experience                        | 3  | _____    |

Computation included in HIT 119B

Human Relations included in HIT 210B

**41**  
Total Credits

Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.