

TRI-COUNTY ALLIED HEALTH SCHOOL



COURSE CATALOG 2021

WHAT IS MEDICAL CODING?

Medical Coding is the translation of clinical documentation into alpha-numeric codes for reimbursement and data collection purposes.

It requires that the coder understand the language of the clinician as well as the coding guidelines.



HOW DO I BECOME A MEDICAL CODER?

To become a certified medical coder, you will need to prepare to sit for and pass the AHIMA or AAPC (national) examination.

EXAMINATION PREPARATION

AAPC VS AHIMA

The two professional organizations that govern coders each offer a distinct national certification that qualifies the coder to function in different coding settings. They require different levels of preparation and result in different job placements and salaries.

AAPC



AAPC is the American Association of Professional Coders, they offer the CPC certification. CPC or Certified Professional Coder is a national certification that qualifies the individual to code in the outpatient arena. AAPC has formulated a curriculum that prepares the student to take the CPC examination after 90 hours instruction. AAPC recommend that the applicant has a background in Anatomy and Medical Terminology.

AHIMA



AHIMA, American Health Information Management Association offers the CCS certification, Certified Coding specialist. This national certification qualifies the coder to work in the inpatient setting as well as some outpatient settings. AHIMA strongly recommends more rigorous training before taking their examination. They recommend Anatomy, Medical Terminology, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in addition to the coding courses. **We offer all of the necessary courses to prepare you to take the AHIMA CCS examination.**

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

BASIC SCIENCE COURSES OFFERED



MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

32 HOURS/\$375.00

This Medical Terminology course will provide the framework needed before advancing to the Anatomy & Physiology Course. This course is designed to familiarize students with medical terms, abbreviations, and vocabulary and to teach them how to accurately spell, pronounce and define common medical terms related to major disease processes, diagnostic procedures, laboratory tests, abbreviations, drugs, and treatments. The course will focus on the many components of a medical term and how to break down a medical term by simply knowing the meaning of the prefix or suffix.

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

32 HOURS/\$375.00

This course will focus on the structure and function of the human body. The course will approach the study according to the following systems: skeletal, muscular, nervous, cardiovascular, respiratory, urinary, reproductive, endocrine and digestive. Emphasis will also be placed on the gross and microscopic anatomy as well as the physiology of the cell.

PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

48 HOURS/\$550.00

This course provides an in-depth study of human pathological processes and their effects on homeostasis. Emphasis is on interrelationships among organ systems in deviations from homeostasis. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a detailed knowledge of Pathophysiology. Course topics include the etiology, physical signs and symptoms, prognosis, and complications of commonly occurring diseases and their management.

PHARMACOLOGY FOR CODERS

32 HOURS/\$375.00

This course is designed to prepare the student for the entry level position of HCC coder. The course covers those diseases that risk adjust and the drugs that treat those conditions. Basic concepts of pharmacology are also covered.

DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

CODING COURSES OFFERED

ICD-10-CM DIAGNOSIS CODING

160 HOURS/\$1250.00

This course is designed to introduce students to the International Classification of Diseases, 10th revision Clinical Modification. Students will learn how to assign diagnosis codes applying chapter specific guidelines to select the proper codes. The skills that this course teaches are basic to any coding position.

ICD-10-PCS PROCEDURE CODING

48 HOURS/\$550.00

Students are introduced to different root operation for different medical procedures and how to locate these codes using the ICD-10-PCS guidelines.

CPT CODING

96 HOURS/\$1000.00

This course will introduce students to basic HCPCS coding with a focus on using the Current Procedural Terminology book for coding outpatient.



DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

CREDENTIAL EXAMINATION PREPARATION

CCS TEST REVIEW

48 HOURS/\$550.00

Designed to prepare students to take the Certified Coding Specialist exam administered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

This review class is a test review only and is not meant to replace coding education. Students will be give 4 mock examinations to practice both the content and the format of the AHIMA exam.



CLASS SCHEDULE AND PRICING

BASIC SCIENCE COURSES

BASIC SCIENCE COURSES	HOURS	START DATE	END DATE	PRICE
MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	32	TBA	TBA	\$375.00
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY	32	TBA	TBA	\$375.00
PATHOPHYSIOLOGY	48	TBA	TBA	\$550.00
PHARMACOLOGY FOR CODERS	32	TBA	TBA	\$375.00
TOTAL HOURS	144			\$1675.00

MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

MARK FERNANDEZ | CCS

Basic Science Course Instructor

MARK ARDEVELA | RN, BSN, CCS

Basic Science Course Substitute Instructor

CLASS SCHEDULE AND PRICING

CODING COURSES

CODING COURSES	HOURS	START DATE	END DATE	PRICE
ICD-10-CM DIAGNOSIS CODING	160	05/01/2021	07/18/2021	\$1250.00
ICD-10-PCS PROCEDURE CODING	48	07/24/2021	08/08/2021	\$550.00
CPT CODING	96	08/14/2021	09/26/2021	\$1000.00
TOTAL HOURS	304			\$2800.00

MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

LAURIE STUTZMAN | PA, CCS, CPC, CPC-I, CPC-H, CIC

AAPC PMCC Approved ICD-10-CM Instructor

Program Director

Coding Instructor

CLASS SCHEDULE AND PRICING

CREDENTIAL EXAMINATION PREPARATION

EXAM PREPARATION	HOURS	START DATE	END DATE	PRICE
CCS TEST REVIEW	48	10/02/2021	10/17/2021	\$550.00
CPC TEST REVIEW	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
CRC TEST REVIEW	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
TOTAL HOURS	48			\$550.00

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

CODING COURSES



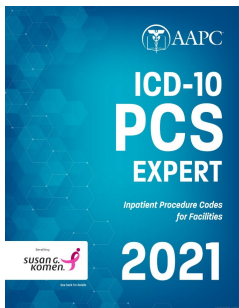
ICD-10-CM Code Book 2021

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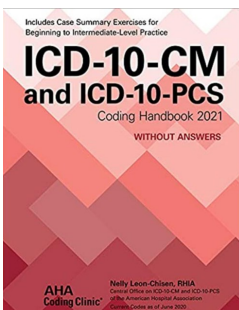
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ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS Coding Handbook without Answers 2021

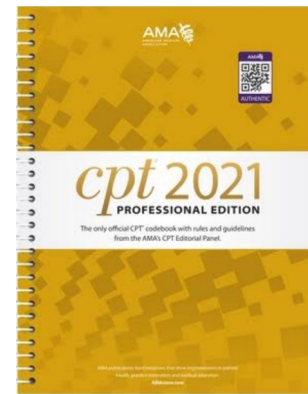
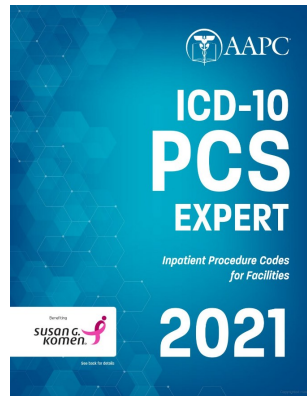
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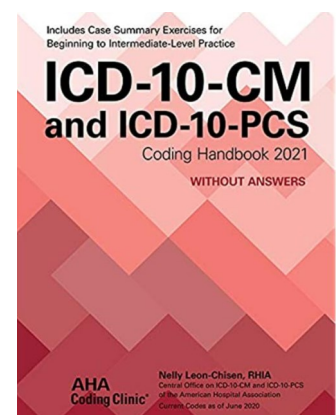
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The **2021 ICD-10-CM & ICD-10-PCS CODING HANDBOOK WITHOUT ANSWERS** can be ordered for **\$105.25** (*excludes shipping*) by calling the **AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION** (800.242.2626) between 8 AM to 4:30 PM EST, or can be found on **AMAZON**.



SCHOOL POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

1. All courses will be paid in full prior to or on the first day of class.
2. No refunds.
3. Only one course may be purchased at a time.
4. We keep record of all students who have “passed” or completed the course.
 - Information is available to current or future employers.
5. Course completion is defined as a student completing 80% or more of the course assignments.
6. All assignments are on a PASS/FAIL basis.
 - Pass or completion of course is based on participation, not performance.
 - Students must achieve 80% participation to PASS and complete course.
7. No certificates of completion are issued.
 - AHIMA or AAPC certifications will serve to aid students in gaining employment.
8. Attendance is mandatory.
 - Missed opportunities to complete assignments or attend class WILL affect the participation score.
9. There are no pre-requisites for any class.
10. Students have the option to take courses in the order they think is suitable for them.
11. No textbooks or workbooks are provided for any classes.
12. Handout materials are included in the tuition.
13. No Federal or State funds will be accepted for payment of tuition.
14. Tri-County Allied Health School does not offer any financing or payment plans for tuition.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Tri-County Allied Health School is to provide quality education and superior technical training in a supportive learning environment that promotes motivation, high education and self-discipline, and to provide our students with the knowledge and skills needed to qualify for better healthcare career opportunities.



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