MEDICAL CODING ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE (MCOD C189)

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Delivering quality healthcare depends on capturing accurate and timely medical data; medical coding professionals fulfill this need as key players in the healthcare workplace. The OCC Medical Coding Associate certificate program will prepare students for the Certificate Coding Associate exam/certification (http://www.ahima.org/certification/cca.aspx).

Health information coding is the transformation of verbal descriptions of diseases, injuries, and procedures into numeric or alphanumeric designations. The coding of health-related data permits access to medical records by diagnoses and procedures for use in clinical care, research, and education. Medical coders assign a code to each diagnosis and procedure by using classification systems software. The classification system determines the amount for which healthcare providers will be reimbursed if the patient is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or other insurance programs using the system. Coders may use several coding systems, such as those required for ambulatory settings, physician offices, or long-term care.

Medical Coding Associate students must pass all courses in the program with at least a C and maintain a minimum term GPA of 2.0 to proceed through the program.

| <u>First Semester</u> | | Semeste | <u>er </u> | Credit Hours 17 | |
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| | BOC | 1201 | Beginning Keyboarding OR | V2 | |
| | | | Equivalent Skills | | |
| | DAP | 1201 | Business Computer Systems | 3 | |
| | GEN | 2297 | Employment Skills | V2 | |
| | HEA | 1225 | Intro to Medical Terminology | V3 | |
| | HEA | 2264 | Medical Insurance & Coding I | 3 | |
| | MED | 2204 | Intro to Health Information | 4 | |

| Second Semester Credit Hours | | | <u> 15</u> |
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| HEA | 2215 | Electronic Med Records Mgmt | 3 |
| HEA | 2266 | Medical Insurance & Coding II | 3 |
| LSC | 2264 | Anatomy for Healthcare | 3 |
| MED | 2206 | Intro to Pathophys & Pharm | 3 |
| MED | 2208 | Reimbursement & Revenue Cycle | 3 |

| Third Semes | Credit Hours 8 | |
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| MED 2209 | Advanced Coding | 4 |
| MED 2211 | Certification Prep | 1 |
| MED 2298 | Coding Practicum | <u>3</u> |
| Total Credit | 40 | |