Medical Coding for Inpatient Services

INDUSTRY FACTS

What do medical coding professionals do?

Medical coding professionals take patient data and transform it into codes to facilitate collaboration with other medical providers and ensure accuracy in the billing process. When a patient is admitted to a health facility for more than a few hours (think hospital, rehab program, or nursing home), inpatient coders provide an overview of the treatments received in that time.

Where do medical coding professionals work?

Inpatient coders generally work on-site in a facility or even remotely after certain standards have been achieved. They often find opportunities in hospitals working as contractors, or insurance companies. Inpatient coders can also grow into auditing roles.

How much do medical coding professionals earn?

The average salary for someone working in medical records and health information is $46,660,* though pay can vary based on experience, credentials, and your employer.

How's the job outlook?

Medical coding jobs are in high demand. So much so, that health systems across the country are scrambling to find trained professionals with this specific skill set. The U.S. Department of Labor estimated 7% employment growth in 10 years.*

* Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. "Medical Records and Health Information Technicians." Occupational Outlook Handbook. Accessed March 10, 2023.

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Train affordably without sacrificing quality. This program's comprehensive training was developed by industry professionals with years of experience – specifically designed to help you prepare for the Certified Coding Associate (CCA) and Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) exams.

Learn At Home

Online training minimizes the challenges of taking time out to return to school. The online training format offers distinct advantages:

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Enjoy the flexibility to adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

Receive Coaching and Guidance

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- Learning Support
- Technical Support

Get Certified

We'll help you prepare to take nationally recognized exams so you can explore greater opportunities in your area.

- **Certified Coding Associate (CCA)**
- **Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)**

Program Outline

Course
Program Orientation
Inpatient Coding
Advanced Inpatient Coding
Program Completion