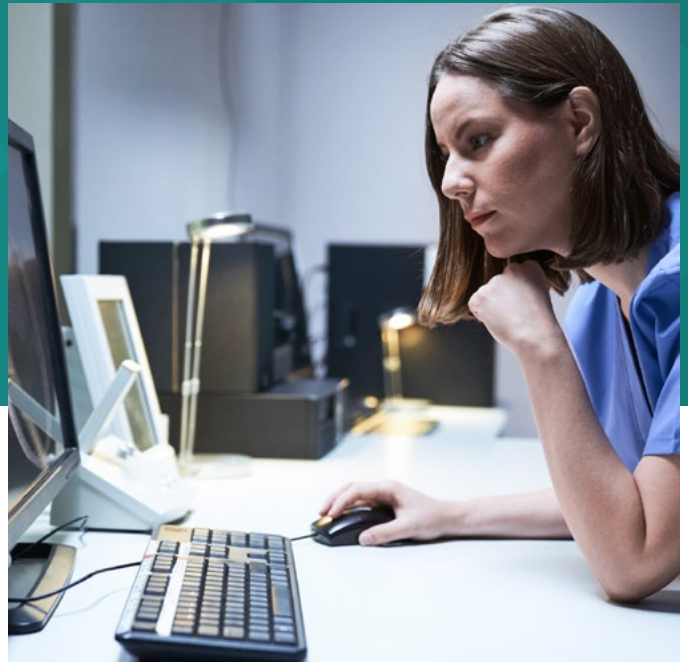# Inpatient Medical Coder

## INDUSTRY FACTS



### What do inpatient medical coders do?

Inpatient medical coding professionals play a vital role in the healthcare ecosystem, translating medical records into standardized codes used to bill patients and third-party payers such as insurance companies and Medicare.

Here's a breakdown of their responsibilities:

- Reviewing and managing patients' electronic medical records
- Assigning codes to diagnoses and procedures
- Acting as the liaison between healthcare facilities and billing offices

### Where do they work?

Inpatient medical coders usually work on-site at a healthcare facility. You could find work in physicians' offices, clinics, hospitals, and insurance companies.

### How much do they earn?

With the right training and the right certifications, inpatient medical coders make between $50,000 and $60,000 a year. But why stop there? Your salary potential will continue to climb as you gain relevant experience and earn more credentials.

### How's the job outlook?

Employment of medical coders (and other medical records professionals) is projected to grow 11% through 2028. It's a tremendous outlook considering the state of other industries, and there's a good chance demand for coders will continue to increase as the need for more trained healthcare professionals throughout the entire industry also increases.

"I was very impressed with what CareerStep had to offer. Affordable pricing for a comprehensive program, combined with the support and flexibility I needed. A perfect choice!"

**JESSICA , CAREERSTEP LEARNER**

## Improve Your Life

When it comes to career training, you'll find a lot of posers out there. Con artists that'll try to impress you with fancy hyperbole. But through all the noise, the distinct sound of success can be heard. Your success. All it takes is a little push. A nudge in the right direction—and your whole life could change. New doors opened. New worlds discovered. New opportunities explored. With CareerStep, it all could happen in as little as 4 months.

Here's what you'll need before you sign up:  3–5 years experience in coding; ICD-10-CM and diagnosis codes.

## Prepare For A Better Job

Medical coders have a lot going for them. They're computer savvy, they understand physiology and pharmacology, and they've got a pretty straightforward career path with plenty of upward mobility. With time, experience, and knowledge comes the potential for more responsibility, and—this is the cool part—a higher salary. This program, designed specifically for current outpatient coders, will prepare you for the next phase in your professional development: inpatient medical coder.

## Learn Your Way (From Home)

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

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

## Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from enrollment through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support
- Career support (interview coaching and resume reviews)

## Get Certified

This program prepares Learners to earn the **Certified Coding Associate** credential from AHIMA.

## Program Modules and Approximate Completion Hours

| Modules |
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| Welcome to "OP to IP Coder Development" |
| Health Information Management |
| Reimbursement Methodologies |
| Pathophysiology |
| Pharmacology |
| ICD-10 Coding |
| Advanced ICD-10 Coding |
| Coding Practicum |
| OP to IP Professional Medical Coding and Billing Final Exam |
| DRG Basics & Hierarchy |
| Advanced Pathophysiology |
| Advanced Anatomy & Physiology |
| Applied ICD-10-PCS Coding & Practicum |
| Applied PCS Final Exam |
| ICD-10 PCS Refresher |

**TOTAL HOURS = 447**