

# 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 \$45,240,\* 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 9% employment growth in 10 years.\*

\*U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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**JESSICA, CAREERSTEP LEARNER**

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Improve Your Life

When it comes to career training, you'll find a lot of fakers 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 in the right direction—and your whole life could change. New doors opened. New worlds discovered and new opportunities explored. With CareerStep, anything is possible.

### Prepare For A Better Job

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

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

- Learning Support
- Technical Support

### Get Certified

We'll prepare you 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

**TOTAL HOURS: 111**

**Coursework, Simulations, and Experiential**