

STANDARD COURSE OUTLINE

HIM 2423 Procedure Coding-CPT

Prerequisites: BIOL 2214

Corequisites: BIOL 2224, HIM 1213, AHSC 1403

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In-depth exposure to CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) coding, reimbursement trends, guidelines, and coding from source documents. Application of current evaluation and management documentation guidelines. Emphasis on surgical procedures. Appropriate assignment of CPT and HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System) Level II modifiers. Introduction to computerized encoders. . **Prerequisites: BIOL 2214 Prerequisites or Corequisite: BIOL 2224 HIM 1213 AHSC 1403**

CREDIT HOURS 3 credit hour

The student will need to obtain transfer information from the institution he/she is transferring to in order to determine transferability.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is an introduction to health information management. Students apply for and are selected for admission into the Health Information Management Program. Certification as a Registered Health Information Technician should be the end-goal for all individuals.

REFERENCES:

Journals of Ahima available online and in the NWACC Library

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1. Go to the AHIMA website at www.ahima.org.
2. Click on the Membership tab and follow the instructions to join as a student member.
3. If you experience problems when joining, please E-mail info@ahima.org, or call AHIMA at (800) 335-5535.

COURSE OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Compile patient data for appropriate code assignment.
2. Apply diagnosis and procedure codes using CPT and HCPCS.
3. Identify the need for collaboration with clinical staff to resolve coding discrepancies and documentation issues.
4. Apply legal and ethical guidelines as they relate to medical coding and reimbursement.
5. Use anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology knowledge when coding health information.