

Northwest Arkansas Community College
Division of Health Professions
Health Information Management

Discipline Code

HIM

Course Number

2543

Course Title

Healthcare Billing and Reimbursement

Catalog Description

An overview of the medical billing profession, the claims process, and federal billing guidelines. Study of major medical third-party payers including coverage offered, client eligibility, and reimbursement methodologies.

Prerequisite

BIOL 2214, Prerequisites or Co-requisite: BIOL 2224, HIM 1213, HIM 1403

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

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

Contact hours

15 lecture hours, 30 lab hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

Fall

ACTS Equivalent

None

Grade Mode

A-F (HIM Program Grading Scale)

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Verify timeliness, completeness, accuracy, and appropriateness of data and data sources for patient care, management, billing reports, registries, and/or databases.
2. Apply policies and procedures for the use of clinical data required in reimbursement and prospective payment systems (PPS) in healthcare delivery.
3. Apply policies and procedures to comply with the changing regulations among various payment systems for healthcare services such as Medicare, Medicaid, managed care, and so forth.
4. Support accurate billing through coding, chargemaster, claims management and bill reconciliation processes.
5. Use established guidelines to comply with reimbursement and reporting requirements such as the National Correct Coding Initiative.
6. Compile patient data and perform data quality reviews to validate code assignment and compliance with reporting requirements such as outpatient prospective payment systems.
7. Ensure accuracy of diagnostic/procedural groupings such as DRG, APC, and so on.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students can use computers proficiently.
- Students can employ a variety of sources to locate, evaluate, and use information.

HIM Grading Scale

A=93-100

B=85-92

C=77-84

D=69-76

F=< 69