

**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**

30 lecture 30 lab

**Load hours**

5 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 demonstrate information literacy

## **Standard Practices**

### **HIM Grading Scale**

A=93-100

B=85-92

C=77-84

D=69-76

F=< 69