

Medical Billing/Coding Certification Guidance January 2008

The Washington State Medical Association (WSMA) receives frequent inquiries from physicians' office staff regarding the mechanisms for becoming a Certified Coder or Medical Billing Specialist.

To assist in that process, the WSMA has prepared the following guidance. Costs associated with certification can vary across organizations. Therefore we suggest that you ascertain the entire cost before undertaking that commitment.

Note: The WSMA does *not* endorse any specific organization or training curriculum. Rather, we wish to ensure that clear, consistent and accurate guidance is available, so that physicians and their staff can appropriately traverse this process.

National Organizations Offering Certification

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) – www.ahima.org

233 N. Michigan Avenue Suite 2150
Chicago, IL 60601-5800
(312) 233-1100
E-Mail: info@ahima.org

Certifications Available: Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA)
Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT)
Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)
Certified Coding Specialist—Physician-based (CCS-P)
Certified Coding Associate (CCA)

American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) - www.aapc.com

309 West 700 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 87101
1-800-626-2633
E-Mail: info@aapc.com

Certifications Available: Certified Professional Coder (CPC)
Certified Professional Coder-Hospital (CPC-H)

Local Organizations Offering Certifications

Several community colleges offer a number of Health Care related programs. Here is a list. Please contact your local community college regarding those programs.

Bellevue Community College – www.bcc.ctc.edu

**Medical Billing and Coding
Medical Informatics Program
Medical Office Receptionist**

BCC North Campus
10700 Northup Way
Bellevue WA 98004
(425) 564-2263

Bellingham Technical College – www.btc.ctc.edu

Medical Coding & Billing Generalist

Medical Insurance Billing

Medical Receptionist

Medical Records Clerk

Medical Transcriptionist

3028 Lindbergh Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225-1599
360-752-8450

Everest College Multiple Locations – www.everest.edu/programs/complete_list/state/WA

Medical Administrative Assistant

Medical Insurance Billing/Coding

888.741.4270

Everett Community College – www.evcc.ctc.edu

Medical Assistant

Medical Coding

Medical Transcription

2000 Tower Street
Everett, WA 98201
425-388-9034

Highline Community College – <http://flightline.highline.edu/medassist/>

Medical Assistant

Medical Transcription

PO Box 98000
Des Moines, WA 98198
206-878-3710, extension 3372

North Seattle Community College – <http://www.northseattle.edu/health/>

Medical Assistant

Contact: Health Medical Division
9600 College Way North
Seattle, WA 98103
206-527-3790

Olympic College – www.oc.ctc.edu

Medical Office Assistant

1600 Chester Avenue
Bremerton, WA 98337
360-475-7741

Peninsula College – <http://www.pc.ctc.edu/academics/programdetails.aspx?id=26>

Health Care Assistant

1502 East Lauridsen Boulevard
Port Angeles, WA 98362
360-565-1962

Renton Technical College – www.renton-tc.ctc.edu

Medical Receptionist

Medical Reimbursement Specialist

Medical Office Certificate

3000 NE 4th Street
Renton, WA 98056-4195
425-235-2352

Seattle Vocational Institute – http://sviweb.sccd.ctc.edu/p_ah_med-as.htm

Medical Assistant

2120 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98144
206-587-4950

Shoreline Community College – <http://success.shoreline.edu/hciprograms/Default.htm>

Health Information Technology Program

Medical Coding & Reimbursement Specialist

16101 Greenwood Ave. North
Seattle, WA 98133-5696
206-546-4757

Skagit Valley College – www.skagit.edu

Medical Assistant

2405 East College Way
Mount Vernon, WA 98773
360-416-7720

South Puget Sound Community College – www.spscc.ctc.edu

Medical Assisting

2011 Mottman Road SW
Olympia, WA 98512
360-754-7711 ext. 5297

Spokane Community College – www.scc.spokane.cc.wa.us

Medical Assistant

Health Information Certification Program

Health Records Clerk

N 1810 Greene Street – MS 2090
Health Information Technology Program
Spokane, WA 99217
509-533-8032

Tacoma Community College – www.tacoma.ctc.edu

Health information Coding

Medical Billing

Medical Transcriptions

6501 South 19th Street
Tacoma, WA 98466
253.566.5000

Whatcom Community College – www.whatcom.ctc.edu

Medical Assistant

237 W. Kellogg Road
Bellingham, WA 98226
306-676-2170 ext. 3306

Yakima Valley Community College – www.yvcc.cc.wa.us

Medical Assistant

Medical Billing & Coding

Medical Interpreter

P.O. Box 22520
Yakima, WA 98907
509-574-4600