



## Medical Coding Certificate

### 2018–2019

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Medical Coding Certificate program provides students with the entry-level skills needed to code, classify, and index diagnoses and procedures for the purpose of reimbursement, standardization, retrieval and statistical analysis. Students learn fundamental concepts of medical coding (ICD-10-CM, ICD-10-PCS, and CPT-4) and medical reimbursement. Courses such as medical terminology, anatomy/physiology, ICD-10-CM/PCS coding, CPT-4 coding, intermediate coding, and medical reimbursement are studied. Progression through the curriculum includes lab assignments and professional practice activities that require students to apply foundational concepts in medical coding using critical thinking and problem solving skills. The HIMT program is primarily web-based; however, some courses are only offered on campus. Also, some of the online courses require students to come to campus for proctored tests and occasional class meetings. For more information, see [csc.edu/himt](http://csc.edu/himt)

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED equivalency. Applicants must have completed the HIM Technician Certificate, with final grades of “C” or higher in the HIMT and basic related courses, and with acceptance into the program. Applicants must place into ENGL 1100 (Composition I), and place into STAT 1350 (Elementary Statistics) or complete MATH 1025 (Quantitative Literacy). Students must pass a drug screen and background check. The certificate program begins in the Summer term.

#### **ONGOING REQUIREMENTS:**

All HIMT courses must be completed with a “C” or higher. Students are required to complete 90 professional practice experience (PPE) hours in HIMT 2930.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES:**

##### **Career:**

Students who successfully complete the Medical Coding Certificate program are eligible to sit for the Certified Coding Associate (CCA) examination.

##### **Transfer:**

Courses in the Medical Coding Certificate can be applied to the HIMT A.A.S. degree.

**CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS (MEDICAL CODING CERTIFICATE):****FIRST SEMESTER**

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
HIMT 1141 Pharmacology	AU/SP/SU	2	
HIMT 1256 Clinical Documentation & Disease	SP/SU	2	
BIO 1101 Fundamentals Human Anatomy & Physiology	AU/SP/SU	3	
<b>Semester Credits</b>		<b>7</b>	

**SECOND SEMESTER**

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
HIMT 1245 ICD-10-CM/PCS Coding	AU	3	
HIMT 1255 CPT-4 Coding	AU	3	
HIMT 1265 Medical Reimbursement	AU	2	
BIO 2300 Human Anatomy	AU/SP/SU	4	
<b>Semester Credits</b>		<b>12</b>	

**THIRD SEMESTER**

Course	Term	Credits	Milestones/Progress Check
HIMT 2275 Intermediate Coding	SP	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students in HIMT 2930 are required to spend 6 hours per week x 15 weeks (90 hours) in some sort of professional practice experience (PPE). These hours are completed throughout the semester and vary depending upon what</li> </ul>
HIMT 2930 PPE HIM Field Experience	SP	1	
<b>Semester Credits</b>		<b>3</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>22</b>	

AU: Autumn Semester/SP: Spring Semester/SU: Summer Semester  
 Requirements subject to change.