

Cape Fear Community College

Certified Professional Coder (CPC®)

Job Duties:

- ◆ Read patient medical charts.
- ◆ Use medical code for data entry.
- ◆ Research codes for medical procedures.
- ◆ Understand basic medical terminology.

Prospective Employers:

- ◆ Hospitals
- ◆ Doctors Offices
- ◆ Insurance Companies

Average Income:

- ◆ \$55,000

(Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017)

Courses and Pricing:

- ◆ Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology — \$185, 84 hours
- ◆ Insurance Billing Fundamentals— \$130, 36 hours
- ◆ Intro to Medical Coding ICD-10— \$185, 84 hours
- ◆ Advanced Medical Coding— \$185, 84 hours
- ◆ AAPC Certification Review Class— \$75, 8 hours
- ◆ Books and manuals required for each class



The business side of healthcare needs medical coders! Job growth is projected to reach 22% by 2022. Medical coders connect healthcare providers, patients and insurance companies. They also learn a “short hand” that doctors and insurance companies use for treatment and billing. Through four classes between January-December, medical coding students will prepare to take the Certified Professional Coder exam. Experience in a healthcare setting is recommended but not required before taking the courses.

Skills needed include:

- ◆ Understanding of medical terminology, anatomy and physiology.
- ◆ Organizational skills
- ◆ Computer skills such as MS Office.
- ◆ Research skills.

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