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

**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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