

HI 5100A

Professional Coder Apprenticeship Program



TUITION	DURATION	TARGET CERTIFICATION	ISSUING AUTHORITIES	REQUIREMENTS	
\$4,500	52 weeks	Certified Professional Coder(CPC-A) or Certified Coding Specialist-Physician-based (CCS-P)	 	High School Diploma or GED Qualifying Score on Wonderlic SLE-Q test	Call us anytime  (800)734-1175

PROGRAM DETAILS

MedCerts online Professional Coder program provides comprehensive training that leads to in-demand coding certifications including the Certified Professional Coder (CPC) credential, and the Certified Coding Specialist-Physician-based (CCS-P), both of which are the gold standard for medical coding in physician office settings. Medical Coders holding professional- level certifications are critical to compliant and profitable medical practices and typically earn 20% more than non-certified coders.

The primary objective for this program is to give the student the tools needed to successfully pass the CPC examination or the CCS-P examination. Those passing the CPC examination earn the credential CPC-A. When the CPC-A (apprentice) is ultimately combined with one (1) year of practical coding experience, the individual earns the full CPC designation.

Regardless of the choice of exam, students learn principles of medical coding related to the three main code books: CPT, ICD-10-CM Volumes 1 & 2 and HCPCS Level II. This program is recommended for anyone who is preparing for a career in medical coding for a physician's office and is vital in one's preparation for either the CCS-P or CPC certification examination.

Upon completion of the program, students are eligible for a MedCerts-sponsored 12-month membership to the AAPC or AHIMA, and complimentary voucher for either the CPC or CCS-P examination.

CAREER SERVICES

For all MedCerts Students that are not affiliated with an employer partner, you also have the added benefit of Job Search Assistance including guidance with resume building, networking, interviewing, and job search tips.

ATTAINABLE CAREERS

- Professional Medical Coder
- Medical Management Specialist
- Surgical Coder
- Reimbursement Coordinator/ Specialist
- Coding Specialist
- Compliance Auditor - Coding

Throughout the Professional Coder program, students will learn to:

- ✓ Comprehend the fundamentals of human anatomy and medical terminology
- ✓ Assign accurate medical codes for professional (physician) procedures, services and diagnoses
- ✓ Adhere to medical coding guidelines, regulations and compliance
- ✓ Handle issues related to medical necessity, claim denials, bundling issues, and charge capture
- ✓ Integrate medical coding and payment policy to improve reimbursement
- ✓ Ability to use common billing CRM software

While MedCerts training and related target certifications may be accepted and/or approved by your state of residency, employers reserve the right to dictate pre-requisite education, experience, or certification/licensure requirements for their positions. These requirements may exclude a MedCerts graduate from eligibility. We strongly advise students to research target job posts from area employers and relevant state requirements, barriers or restrictions to ensure eligibility upon graduation.

Some training programs and/or certifications may not be accepted in your state, please review our [State Restriction](#) page to confirm eligibility

Prior to enrollment into the course, students will be required to complete a pre-enrollment assessment:

Wonderlic SLE-Q (General): Minimum Score of 20
Wonderlic WBST (Math): Minimum Score of 280



TARGET CERTIFICATIONS

**** Students are eligible for only one of the following exams:**

Certification	Issuing Authority	Exam Details
Certified Professional Coder (CPC-A)	American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC)	150 multiple choice questions Time limit: 5 hours 30 minutes
Certified Coding Specialist-Physician-based (CCS-P)	American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)	140 multiple choice questions and medical scenarios Time limit: 4 hours

Course Code	Title	Hours	Weeks	Course Materials (Included)
PS-1011	Professionalism in Allied Health	32	2	None
HI-1014	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Medical Terminology	96	6	PDF
HI-1051	Medical Coding	224	14	Text

EXPERIENTIAL/CLINICAL COMPONENT:

Experiential/Clinical Component Requirements (not applicable to the HI-5100A Professional Coder Apprenticeship program) – Once students complete this program, they will be able to immediately start working with Career Services at MedCerts. Experiential learning or clinicals are not required to get a job in this field.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG SCREENING POLICY:

MedCerts does not perform criminal background checks, nor do we test students for illicit drug use. Please be advised that while MedCerts does not perform these checks, the student's drug, criminal, or immunization status may prevent clinical/externship placement and future employment as a healthcare or IT professionals. Externship sites, employers, and State Boards of Pharmacy or other regulatory boards have regulations about immunizations, drug use, and criminal backgrounds. Regulatory boards, externship sites, employers, and other organizations that may require these screenings for placement, and adverse results may prohibit you from moving forward in the program. Candidates with a felony conviction are not eligible to participate in ANY MedCerts program that includes the Pharmacy Technician certification as a primary or secondary certification

The student understands that MedCerts does not hold any control over the drug, immunization, criminal, or background screening processes or policies held by any organization outside of MedCerts.



Upon 100% completion of this program, students will receive a "MedCerts Certificate of Program Completion." This is proof of completion of training but isn't a nationally recognized certification. Students are expected to take and pass the national certification exam through the issuing authority for recognized certification in their field.

Please carefully review the above program specific information and contact your Student Success Advisor if you have any questions or require further clarification of the contents.