

CODING SPECIALIST DIPLOMA

Purpose: Coding Specialists are specifically trained in the coding of medical/health records. By assigning the proper codes to diagnoses and procedures, accurate financial reimbursement may be made by insurance companies and government agencies. Upon successfully completing RCTC's online Coding Specialist program, you are eligible to take the national examination sponsored by AAPC and earn the Certified Professional Coder (CPC) credential.

Award

Coding Specialist Diploma.....40 credits total
 Coding Specialist curriculum.....40 credits

***This program is available fully on-line.**

RECOMMENDED FULL-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE

Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See course schedule: <https://eservices.minnstate.edu/registration/search/basic.html?campusid=306>.

Semester 1 AOP 2350 Microcomputer Business Applications 3 cr BIOL 1107 Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology 4 cr HCOP 1620 Medical Terminology for Health Professions 3 cr HIMC 2020 ICD-10-PCS Coding 3 cr HIMC 2600 Human Diseases for Health Professionals 3 cr <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits 16</p>	Semester 2 HIMC 1800 Legal Aspects of Health Information 3 cr HIMC 1820 CPT Coding 3 cr HIMC 1840 Introduction to Health Records 3 cr HIMC 2010 ICD-10-CM Coding 4 cr HIMC 1910 Reimbursement (Spring Only) OR HIMC 2610 Pharmacology 2 cr <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits 15</p>
Semester 3 HIMC 1850 Computerized Health Information 3 cr HIMC 1910 Reimbursement (Spring Only) OR HIMC 2610 Pharmacology 2 cr HIMC 2030 Advanced Coding 3 cr HIMC 2835 CCA/CPC Review 1 cr <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits 9</p>	

RECOMMENDED PART-TIME COURSE SEQUENCE

Note: Not all courses are scheduled every semester. See www.rctc.edu for additional course and program information.

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Semester 3 HIMC 1910 Reimbursement (Spring Only) OR HIMC 2610 Pharmacology 2 cr HIMC 2010 ICD-10-CM Coding 4 cr HIMC 2020 ICD-10-PCS Coding 3 cr <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits 9</p>	Semester 4 HIMC 1800 Legal Aspects of Health Information 3 cr HIMC 1850 Computerized Health Information 3 cr HIMC 2030 Advanced Coding 3 cr HIMC 2835 CCA/CPC Review 1 cr <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits 10</p>