



[MEDCCERT; CIP Code 51.0707]

### Certificate Program

This certificate program will prepare the student to work in many areas requiring coding expertise. The coding courses follow the prerequisites Medical Terminology and Human Biology, which expose the student to terms and anatomy necessary for learning medical coding. This program can be completed as a fulltime or part-time student. The program at Camden County College is approved by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Medical coders provide an essential part of managing health information that allows hospitals and physician offices to receive payment for services. Each diagnosis or treatment is assigned a code for which payment may be received. Code assignments are based on coding classification guidelines, federal regulations and sometimes state regulations. In the United States healthcare can be complex and has many components including the clinical side, administrative elements, and governmental oversight. Adequately trained personnel are essential for proper reporting of information to ensure correct reimbursement. Area medical facilities currently seek trained staff with the coding skills necessary to efficaciously meet the financial needs of these institutions. Theory and lab experience will provide the learner with job-readiness skills.

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# Medical Coding, CERT

***A joint certificate program with Camden County College.***

## FIRST YEAR — Fall Semester @ RCSJ

<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 107 Human Biology	4
<input type="checkbox"/> CSCI 101 Introduction to Microcomputers	3
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 101 English Composition I <b>or</b> ENGL 101E Enhanced English Composition I	3-4
<input type="checkbox"/> HPRF 102 Medical Terminology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HPRF 108 Introduction to Health Information	3
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## Spring Semester @ Camden County College online

<input type="checkbox"/> HIT 115 Healthcare Reimbursement	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIT 130 Introduction to Ambulatory Coding	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIT 134 Basic Pathophysiology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIT 140 Diagnostic and Procedural Coding I	3
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## SECOND YEAR — Fall Semester @ Camden County College online

<input type="checkbox"/> HIT 132 Pharmacology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIT 135 Medical Coding Internship	2
<input type="checkbox"/> HIT 215 Advanced Ambulatory Coding	3
<input type="checkbox"/> HIT 240 Diagnostic and Procedural Coding II	4
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**TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 40**

## Program Learning Outcomes

Students who have completed the program will be able to:

- Effectively demonstrate competencies with the most current coding software.
- Effectively use practical coding tools such as medical records and operative reports.
- Take the national entry-level certification by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) with the Certified Coding Associate (CCA) credential

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and complete the interest form. ✦