

MEDICAL OFFICE CODING OCCUPATIONAL ENDORSEMENT CERTIFICATE (OEC)

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WHAT IS MEDICAL CODING ANYWAY?

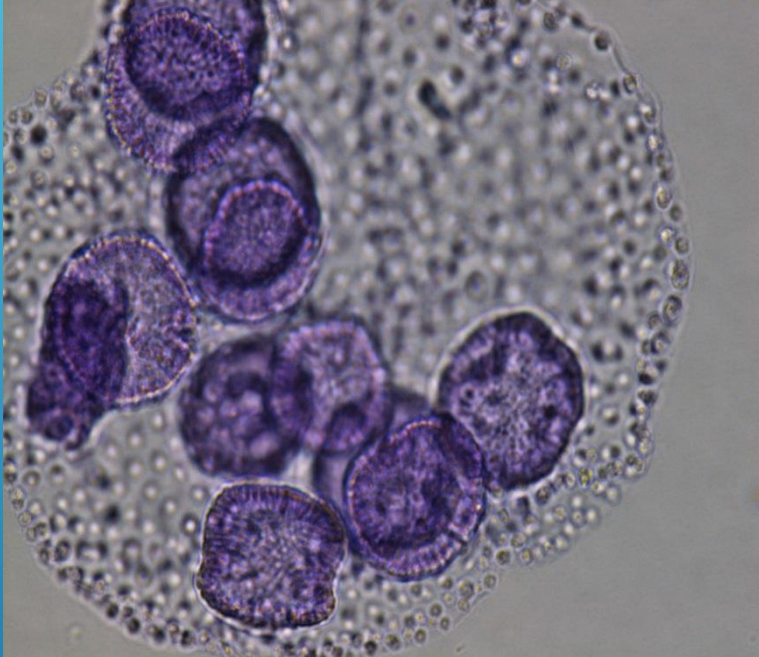
- ▶ Medical Office Coders work in medical offices, outpatient settings, and insurance companies.
- ▶ They specialize in coding medical records for statistical and reimbursement purposes.
- ▶ They ensure there is quality, accuracy, accessibility, and security in both paper and electronic systems.



- ▶ Allied health professionals, such as medical coders, are involved with the delivery of health related services pertaining to the identification, evaluation and prevention of diseases and disorders, rehabilitation, and health systems management, among others.
- ▶ This Occupational Endorsement Certificate program prepares student for careers as **Professional Medical Coders**.
- ▶ In addition, it prepares students to become **Certified Professional Coders (CPC)** by the American Association of Professional Coders (AAPC).

WHAT IS THE GOAL?

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM LIKE?

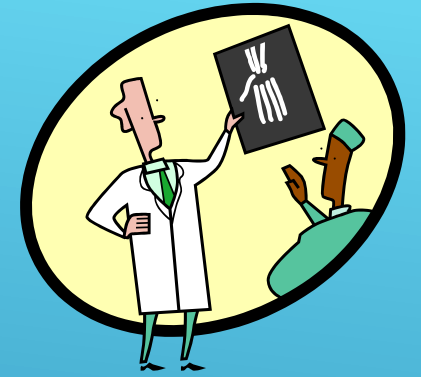


- ▶ Fully Distance
- ▶ 17 Credits
- ▶ 3 Part-Time Semesters/18 Months
- ▶ Experienced Faculty
- ▶ Cutting Edge Technology
- ▶ Credential Preparation
- ▶ Specialized Job Placement Assistance

This program offers great versatility depending on your situation:

- Unable to go to school full-time – You are able to work and complete this program.
- Earn the OEC while obtaining your Associate's or Bachelor's degree – You can then work while obtaining that higher level degree, which reduces your school costs.
- Transitioning from another career – Prior medical or billing knowledge will come in helpful.

- ▶ Proficiency in the performance of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)
- ▶ Proficiency in the performance of Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)
- ▶ Proficiency in the performance of International Classification of Diseases (ICD). Students are learning both the ICD-9 and ICD-10 code set.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

WHAT CLASSES WILL I TAKE?

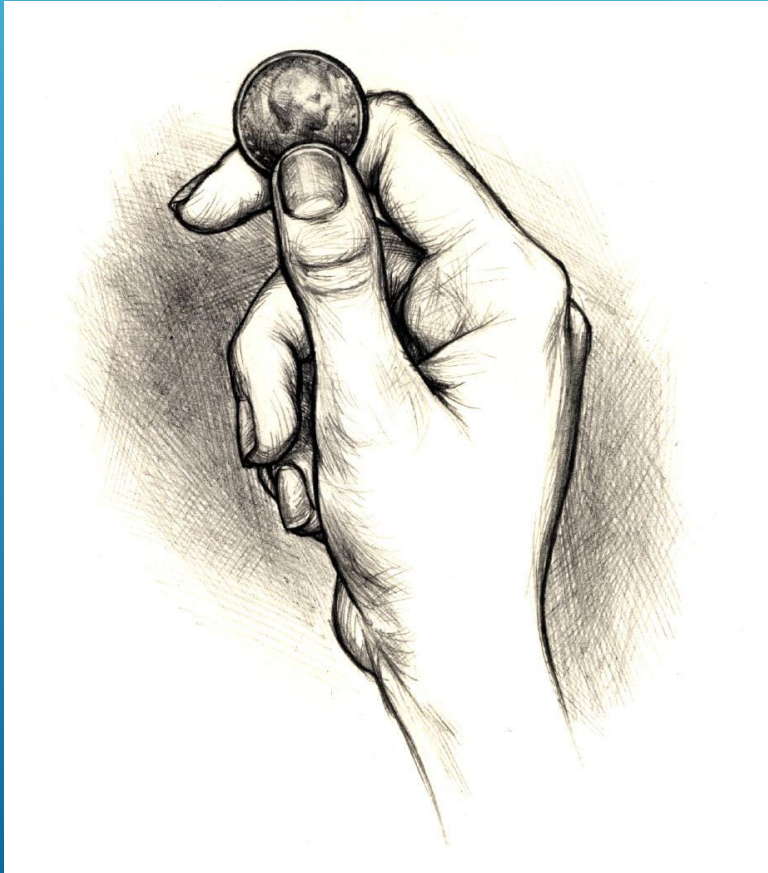
Required Courses

- ▶ MA A101 – Medical Terminology
- ▶ MA A104 – Essentials of Human Diseases
- ▶ MA A220 – Coding for the Medical Office
- ▶ MA A320 – Advanced Cases in Medical Billing

Elective Courses (must choose 2)

- ▶ BIOL A100 – Human Biology
- ▶ BIOL A111 – Anatomy and Physiology I
- ▶ BIOL A112 – Anatomy and Physiology II
- ▶ MA A230 – Billing and Insurance for the Medical Office

HOW MUCH WILL I MAKE AND WILL I FIND A JOB?



According to the Department of Labor (DOL), the National median wages for Medical Coders is \$34,970 annually with 186,000 employees in 2012, and projected job openings of 90,400 between 2012 and 2022. The projected national growth is much faster than average of 22% or higher.

For the state of **Alaska**, the median wages are **\$42,190** annually with a **28%** growth expected by 2020.

WHAT IS THE CERTIFICATION?

Certified Professional Coder (CPC) credential

You can add on to the CPC certification you obtain:

- ▶ CPC-H
- ▶ CPC-P
- ▶ Once experienced, there are several specialty credentials available to allow coders to validate their unique knowledge.
- ▶ Certified Professional Biller (CPB)

Even if Medical Coding is not your ultimate educational goal, it can be a great stepping-stone to consider for those interested in:

- ▶ Nursing
- ▶ Case Managers
- ▶ Accounting
- ▶ Business Administration
- ▶ Hospital Administration
- ▶ Medical and Health Services Managers



WHAT ELSE WILL I BE ABLE TO DO?

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- ▶ Explore the health industry - job salaries, education and employment opportunities
- ▶ Personalize your education and career plan in health
- ▶ Learn what skills you need to begin your health career
- ▶ Find allied health programs to take your career to the next level
- ▶ Access free career coach services to help you all along the way
- ▶ Link to potential employers and internships

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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MEDICAL CODING

- ▶ American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) (www.aapc.com)
- ▶ American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) (www.ahima.org)
- ▶ Professional Association of Healthcare Coding Specialists (www.pahcs.org)
- ▶ National Healthcareer Association (www.nhanow.com)



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT KODIAK COLLEGE'S MEDICAL OFFICE CODING PROGRAM, CONTACT **STACY FISHER!**

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