

# MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST

## Overview

### Medical Coding Specialist Technical Diploma

Program Code: 31-530-2

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Learn to review physician documentation in order to assign diagnoses and procedure codes used for reimbursement and data reporting purposes. Explore anatomy, disease processes, diagnosis and procedure code sets, and systems to report healthcare data for reimbursement and statistical analysis in settings including hospitals, physician's offices, healthcare and insurance organizations.

The minimum required course grades and program grade point average (GPA) for students under this catalog are:

Core Courses = C

General Studies Courses = C

Program GPA = 2.0

**Build your degree along a career pathway.** Start with a couple of courses or an entry-level credential to enter the job market in your area of interest, then continue with higher credentials on your educational path for job advancement and higher wages.

## Career Pathway

1. Medical Coding Specialist 28
2. Health Information Technology 64

## Learning Outcomes

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1. Collect health data.
2. Model professional behaviors and ethics.
3. Use electronic applications to support coding and data collection.
4. Apply coding and reimbursement systems.

## Critical Life Skills

To help our students prepare for success in a workplace and society that is **increasingly global, multicultural and collaborative**, we provide curricular and co-curricular opportunities to develop critical life skills. WCTC is committed to teaching all students the following skills:

- **Communication:** Demonstrate appropriate communication.
- **Critical Thinking/Problem Solving:** Demonstrate critical thinking skills to analyze situations and solve problems.
- **Relationships:** Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills.
- **Self-management:** Demonstrate responsible and respectful behavior.

## Required Courses

Listed below are the required courses for the program. To view the recommended sequence for taking courses click on the plan of study

tab(s) above. Work with your Academic Advisor to design a program plan!

View your **Program Matrix** to find out when each course will be offered (term and time of day).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
501-301	Medical Terminology	3
Approved Substitutes: 501-101 OR (501-150 and 501-151)		
501-307	Digital Literacy Healthcare	2
Approved Substitute: 501-107		
530-159	Healthcare Revenue Management	3
Approved Substitute: 530-185		
530-162	Foundations of HIM	3
Approved Substitute: (530-176 and 530-181)		
530-165	Intermediate Coding	3
Approved Substitute: 530-195		
530-182	Human Diseases for Hlth Profes	3
530-184	CPT Coding	3
530-197	ICD Diagnosis Coding	3
530-199	ICD Procedure Coding	2
<b>General Studies</b>		
806-189	Basic Anatomy	3
Approved Substitute: 806-177		
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>28</b>

## Full-time, Fall Start Plan

### First Year

Fall Term 1		Credits
501-301	Medical Terminology	3
806-189	Basic Anatomy	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

### Fall Term 2

501-307	Digital Literacy Healthcare	2
530-182	Human Diseases for Hlth Profes	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>5</b>

### Spring Term 1

530-184	CPT Coding	3
530-197	ICD Diagnosis Coding	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

### Spring Term 2

530-199	ICD Procedure Coding	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>2</b>

### Second Year

Fall Term 1		
530-165	Intermediate Coding	3
530-162	Foundations of HIM	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

This course runs 16 weeks.

<b>Fall Term 2</b>		
530-159	Healthcare Revenue Management	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>28</b>

## Full-time, Spring Start Plan

<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Spring Term 1</b>		<b>Credits</b>
501-301	Medical Terminology	3
806-189	Basic Anatomy	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>		
530-182	Human Diseases for Hlth Profes	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>		
501-307	Digital Literacy Healthcare	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Fall Term 1</b>		
530-184	CPT Coding	3
530-197	ICD Diagnosis Coding	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Fall Term 2</b>		
530-199	ICD Procedure Coding	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Spring Term 1</b>		
530-165	Intermediate Coding <small>This course runs 16 weeks.</small>	3
530-162	Foundations of HIM	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>		
530-159	Healthcare Revenue Management	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>28</b>

## Part-time, Fall Start Plan

<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Term 1</b>		<b>Credits</b>
501-301	Medical Terminology	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Fall Term 2</b>		
806-189	Basic Anatomy	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Spring Term 1</b>		
530-184	CPT Coding	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>		
530-182	Human Diseases for Hlth Profes	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Summer Term</b>		
501-307	Digital Literacy Healthcare	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Fall Term 1</b>		
530-197	ICD Diagnosis Coding	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Fall Term 2</b>		
530-199	ICD Procedure Coding	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Spring Term 1</b>		
530-162	Foundations of HIM	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>		
530-159	Healthcare Revenue Management	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fall Term 1</b>		
530-165	Intermediate Coding <small>This course runs 16 weeks.</small>	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>28</b>

## Part-time, Spring Start Plan

<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Term 1</b>		<b>Credits</b>
530-184	CPT Coding	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Fall Term 2</b>		
530-182	Human Diseases for Hlth Profes	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Spring Term 1</b>		
501-301	Medical Terminology	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Spring Term 2</b>		
806-189	Basic Anatomy	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Summer Term</b>		
501-307	Digital Literacy Healthcare	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Fall Term 1</b>		
530-162	Foundations of HIM	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Fall Term 2</b>		
530-159	Healthcare Revenue Management	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Spring Term 1</b>		
530-197	ICD Diagnosis Coding	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

<b>Spring Term 2</b>		
530-199	ICD Procedure Coding	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Spring Term 1</b>		
530-165	Intermediate Coding <small>This course runs 16 weeks.</small>	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>28</b>