

AAPC Certified Professional Coder



219 Instructional Hours
\$4000

Recognized by employers throughout the United States, the Certified Professional Coding program of the American Academy of Professional Coders focuses on the learning of service and procedure codes along with diagnostic codes in the outpatient settings, using HIPAA mandated code sets. To enhance learning, students of BSTI will be enrolled in an anatomy and physiology class that includes the study of medical terminology. The program rounds out with an introduction to reimbursement concepts, an overview of the ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS systems. Upon successful completion of the AAPC's CPC exam, graduates will earn the credentialing status of CPC-A. For requirements regarding the removal of the apprentice designation after one year, please contact the AAPC directly. Cost includes courseware, exam and student membership fee to the AAPC.

Course Content

Medical Terminology

- Prefixes
- Suffixes
- Roots
- Basic Normal Anatomy and Physiology

Coding—CPT and HCPCS

- Evaluation and Management
- Anesthesia and Modifiers
- Surgery
 - Integumentary System
 - Musculoskeletal System
 - Respiratory System
 - Cardiovascular System
 - Female Genital System/Maternity
 - General Surgery I
 - General Surgery II
- Radiology
- Pathology and Laboratory
- Medicine and Level II National Codes

Coding—ICD-9-CM

- Format and Conventions
- Alphabetic Index, Volume 2
- Tabular List, Volume 1
- Appendices
- Procedures, Volume 3
- Official Guidelines
- V Codes and Late Effects
- Diagnostic Coding and Reporting Guidelines for Outpatient Services
- Overview of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS

Reimbursement

- Basic Structure of Medicare Program
- Importance of *Federal Register*
- Inpatient Prospective Payment System
- Purpose of Quality Improvement Organizations
- Outpatient Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS)
- Prospective Payment System for Skilled Nursing Facility
- Outpatient Medicare Reimbursement System—APC
- Medicare Fraud and Abuse
- Managed Health Care Concept

CPC Exam Preparation

- Medical Terminology Review
- Anatomy and Physiology Review
- Reimbursement Review
- Sample Case Studies

Using Technology to Get the Job

- Job Search Strategies
- Resume Workshop
- Online Job Search
- Interview Prep
- Practical Interviewing

Individuals wishing to sit for the AAPC's CPC exam, an exam review class is offered at Blended Solutions Technical Institute which also serves as a test site.

