

## Coding Certificate/Area of Specialization (3261)

This certificate/area of specialization prepares students for classifying medical data from patient records in hospital and physician-based settings. Students in the coding certificate/area of specialization gain knowledge in medical terminology, disease processes, pharmacology, reimbursement methodologies, ICD-9-CM, and CPT coding systems.

Hospitals, physicians' offices and insurance companies employ individuals with knowledge and skill in the language and science of medicine and its coding system. These coding practitioners review patients' records and assign numeric codes for each diagnosis and procedure. Coded information is used to determine and secure appropriate reimbursement for healthcare services rendered.

After completion of the certificate, students may choose to continue their education and earn the A.A.S. in Health Information Management Technology. Coding certificate courses are applicable toward the A.A.S. degree.

### First Semester:

<b>ENGL 2201*</b> . . . . .	<b>Introduction to Technical Writing</b> . . . . .	<b>2</b>
<b>OR</b>		
<b>ENGL 1110</b> . . . . .	<b>English Composition I (A)</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>
<b>OR</b>		
<b>ENGL 1111</b> . . . . .	<b>English Composition I (B)</b>	
<b>HLTH 1210</b> . . . . .	<b>Medical Terminology</b> . . . . .	<b>2</b>
<b>ITIS 1000**</b> . . . . .	<b>Introduction to Personal Computers</b> . . . . .	<b>1</b>
<b>OR</b>		
<b>ITIS 1005</b> . . . . .	<b>Computers and Information Processing</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>

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### Second Semester:

<b>HLTH 1150</b> . . . . .	<b>Introduction to Electronic Health Records</b> . . . . .	<b>1</b>
<b>HLTH 1220</b> . . . . .	<b>Advanced Medical Terminology</b> . . . . .	<b>2</b>
<b>HLTH 1238***</b> . . . . .	<b>Structure, Function, Disease, and Therapeutics of the Human Body</b> . . . . .	<b>4</b>
<b>OR</b>		
<b>BIOL 2210</b> . . . . .	<b>Anatomy and Physiology I</b>	

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### Third Semester:

<b>HIMT 1220</b> . . . . .	<b>Coding and Classification Systems: HCPCS/CPT</b> . . .	<b>3</b>
<b>HIMT 1230</b> . . . . .	<b>Coding and Coding Classification Systems: ICD-9-CM</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>

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### Fourth Semester:

<b>HIMT 2530</b> . . . . .	<b>Reimbursement Methodologies</b> . . . . .	<b>2</b>
<b>HIMT 2540</b> . . . . .	<b>Advanced Coding</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>

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**Certificate Total: 23-26**

\*Students planning on completing an associate degree should choose ENGL 1110 or ENGL 1111. This course selection is based on placement test results (ENGL 1111 is 4 credits, only 3 credits apply to the certificate).

\*\*Students planning on completing the Health Information Management Technology degree program should take ITIS 1005.

\*\*\*Students planning on completing a health-related associate degree program should choose BIOL 2210.