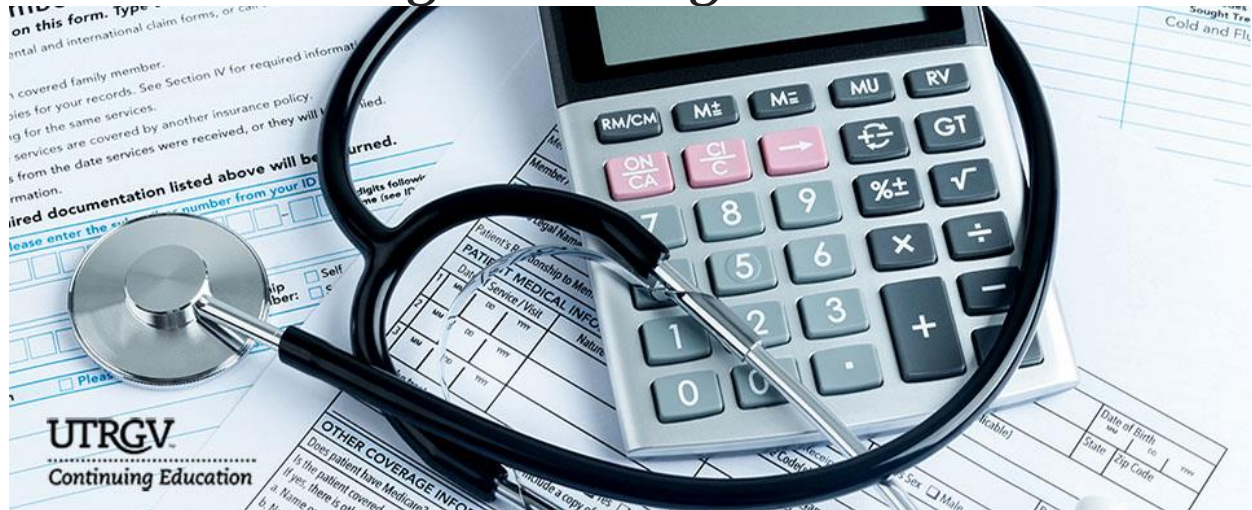


Continuing Education

Division of Research, Graduate Studies & New Program Development

Medical Billing & Coding



Gain the skills needed to solve insurance billing problems, examine the process to appeal denied claims, and use generic forms to streamline billing procedures.

What You Will Learn

- Basics of health insurance and procedural coding
- Documentation guidelines and legal issues affecting insurance claims and medical records
- Introduction to the CPT and ICD-10-CM Manuals and coding systems
- Anesthesia/Surgery, Radiology, and Pathology/Laboratory Medicine

Course Details

What Will You Learn Cont..

You will also learn:

- Evaluation and management services
- Diagnosis Coding
- CPT Modifiers, E and V Codes, and Late Effects
- Introduction to International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modifications, and Coding Guidelines
- The Health Insurance Claim Form (CMS 1500)
- HIPAA and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
- Tracing Delinquent Claims and Insurance Problem Solving
- Managed Care Systems, Special Plans, Third-Party Reimbursement, Medicare, Blue Cross Blue Shield Plans, Medicaid and Other State Programs, CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA, Worker's Compensation, Disability Income Insurance, and Disability Benefit Programs

Description

This combined 80-hour billing and coding course offer the skills needed to solve insurance billing problems, how to manually file claims (using the CPT and ICD-10-CM manual), complete common insurance forms, briefly overview trace delinquent claims, examine the process to appeal denied claims and use generic forms to streamline billing procedures. The course covers the following areas: CPT (Introduction, Guidelines, Evaluation, and Management), specialty fields (such as surgery, radiology, and laboratory), ICD-10-CM (Introduction and Guidelines) and basic claims processes for medical insurance and third-party reimbursements. Students will learn how to find the service and codes using manuals (CPT and ICD-10-CM).

Note: After obtaining the practical work experience (6 months to 2 years), students who complete this course could be qualified to sit for the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) Certified Professional Coder (CPC or CPC-H Apprentice) exam; the American Health Information Association (AHIMA) Certified Coding Associate (CCA) exam; and/or other National Certification Exams.

****This entry-level course does not require the use of a computer as the focus of a coding professional is the proper use of coding and the related coding manuals.***

Who Should Attend?

Medical Billing and Coding is one of the fastest-growing careers in the health care industry today. The need for professionals that understand how to code health care services and procedures for third-party insurance reimbursement is growing substantially. Physician practices, hospitals, pharmacies, long-term care facilities, chiropractic practices, physical therapy practices, and other health care providers all depend on medical billing and coding for insurance carrier reimbursement.

Location

Location McAllen:

1800 S. Main Street, Suite 1100

McAllen, TX 78503

Location Brownsville:

One West University Boulevard

Brownsville, Texas 78520

Duration

3 Hours

Prerequisites

Students must have or plan to receive a high school diploma or GED. Participants must also possess a minimum of 10th-grade math and reading skills.

***Note:** Participants must be at least 18 years old to sit for the national certification exam after completing this course.*

Exam Information

The three potential certifications listed below are for reference purposes only and are not included in the course fee. The instructor can provide feedback on which certification is best for a student to pursue.

Certified Professional Coder (CPC; CPC-H)

www.aapc.com

American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC)

Exam Cost: \$300.00

Exam Length: 150 questions, 5 hours and 40 minutes to complete

Certified Coding Associate (CCA)

www.ahima.org

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)

Exam Cost: \$199.00 (Member), \$299.00 (Non-Member)

Exam Length: 100 questions (90 scored items and 10 pretest items), 2 hours to complete

Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS)

www.nhanow.com

National Healthcareer Association (NHA)

Exam Cost: \$112.35 (Classroom), \$105.00 (PSI Computer Based)

Exam Length: 100 questions, 1 hour and 45 minutes to complete

* Individuals interested in becoming Medical Coders or pursuing a national certification should have a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Also, certain National Medical Coding Certification exams are very complex and may require 6 months to 2 years of suggested practical coding experience prior to taking the exam or being recognized as a certified medical coding professional.

Loans

Note: *If you are applying for the Continuing Education Private Loan to cover the registration fee for a non-credit continuing education program, then please use the UTRGV Continuing Education School Code: 00359902. The loan amount you note in the application cannot exceed the open enrollment fee noted on our website. The minimum for the loans must be \$500.00. Some service charges may apply.*

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