Certified Inpatient Coder

Starting Fall 2021

Job Description

The Certified Inpatient Coder certificate program is a non-credit program that will prepare graduates to work in a hospital/facility setting where competency in inpatient coding and a higher level of skill, beyond the CPC™ certification, is required. The inpatient medical coding certification standard, CIC™ (Certified Inpatient Coder), is the only certification dedicated exclusively to inpatient hospital/facility coding. The CIC™ validates expert level knowledge and experience in abstracting information from medical records for ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS coding, and specialized payment knowledge in MS-DRGs and Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS).

Employment Outlook

Earning potential for a professional working in the field is approximately $40,000 to $45,000 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics

Admission Requirements

Potential students will be required to have a high school diploma or a GED, be at least 18 years of age, and have completed the CPC-A program to participate.

Students participating in this program must:

Possess basic computer knowledge.
Possess motor skills and manual dexterity.
Have normal vision/hearing or device-corrected.
Have eye/hand coordination.
Have oral and written communication skills.

Program Description

Upon successful completion of the program and the Essential Job Skills & Career Development Course, students will be eligible to become nationally certified as a CIC™ (Certified Inpatient Coder) by the American Academy of Professional Coders. You will earn this credential (CIC™) after successfully passing the national certification examination. This certification is sponsored by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC), a nationally recognized organization offering professional accreditation, education, recognition, and networking opportunities to medical coders. Visit them at www.aapc.com or call 800.626.2633 to obtain an application packet or information. You must a have a high school diploma or GED to register for this course. You also must be at least 18 years of age.

Required Courses:

Pathology II/Pharmacology (40 hours)

ICD-10 PCS (50 hours)

Healthcare Management/Compliance (40 hours)

Integrated Inpatient Coding (50 hours)

Essential Job Skills & Career Development

Following successful completion of the program and achieving the CIC™ national certification from AAPC, the following learning outcomes are expected:

• Demonstrate competency in medical record review to abstract information required to support accurate inpatient coding.

• Understand reporting requirements under Uniform Hospital Discharge Data Set (UHDDS).

• Identify documentation deficiencies and properly query providers for proper code capture.

• Demonstrate competency in assigning accurate ICD-10-CM medical codes for diagnoses and procedures performed in the inpatient setting.

• Identify condition Present on Admission (POA) and use of indicators.

• Demonstrate superior knowledge of current rules, regulations, and issues regarding medical coding, compliance and reimbursement under Medicare Severity-Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG) and inpatient prospective payment systems (IPPS).

• Understand different types of Diagnosis Related Groups (eg, APR-DRG).

• Determine proper Medicare Severity-Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG) assignment.

• Understand impact of readmissions within a 30 day period.

• Demonstrate knowledge of the 72-hour rule and how services occurring prior to admission are reported.

• Demonstrate a strong ability to integrate coding and reimbursement rule changes in a timely manner to include updating the Charge Description Master (CDM), code updates and the Field Locators (FL) on the UB04 for proper reimbursement.

• Demonstrate a full understanding of anatomy, physiology and medical terminology required to correctly code facility services and diagnoses.

• Demonstrate knowledge of pharmacology to include common medications; their uses and side effects.

• Demonstrate an understanding of outpatient reimbursement methodologies (OPPS) and how they differ from IPPS.

Essential Job Skills & Career Development Course REQUIRED for Certificate of Completion of program. See page 38 for the course description.

Note: Textbooks are included in the cost of tuition. Should the edition of the textbooks change prior to taking the National Certification Exam, the college is not responsible for purchasing additional textbooks. You must have the current edition of the books when taking the National Certification.

Please be advised that if you have been convicted of a felony, you may not be eligible for clinical experiences, internships, externships or certifications associated with certain Healthcare Career programs. Those with previous convictions may also find it difficult to secure employment within a healthcare setting.

Asnuntuck Community College also offers a children's reading room which provides daycare free of charge to daytime students. Children must be at least 3 years of age to attend.

Time Commitment
194 hour program.

LRON: (Live/Remote Online Courses): Live sessions are held (synchronous) at specified times using Teams/WebEx. Blackboard will be used for the delivery of ancillary readings and instructional content, assignments, assessments, and (captioned) recordings of lectures or other relevant media.

Payment Information

Total cost of the program including tuition, textbooks, certification exam, and the Essential Job Skills & Career Development course is $3,141. Payment plans are available for students.

Contact Information

For more information or to register contact Sue Champagne at 860.253.3034 or schampagne@asnuntuck.edu.

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