

Medical Coding

Description

The Medical Coding program at Tulsa Tech provides the training you need to begin a career in this exciting and rewarding branch of the health field. Coders play an important role in the storage and retrieval of health information; they transform verbal and narrative descriptions of disease, injury, and procedures into numerical designations through the use of coding systems. The coding specialists assign codes to patient diagnoses and procedures, which are then used for reimbursement of health care services, research, and medical statistics. This career is for students who are highly motivated, capable of paying special attention to details, and wanting a recognized industry certification.

- Understand & translate medical terminology
- Assign diagnostic & procedural codes & apply guidelines for physician reimbursement
- Use the same software found in the medical billing industry
- Prepare for Certified Professional Coder (CPC) exam

College Credit

College credit may be available through TCC, RSU, or OSU-Institute of Technology. For more details call the college relations office at 918-828-5205. All college credit is awarded by the college/university.

Prerequisites

Basic computer literacy

Credential/Industry Certifications

ICD-9 or ICD-10, American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC)

Career Majors/Courses

Medical Insurance Coder

Courses

Fundamentals of Technology
Fundamentals of Administrative Technologies
Patient Billing
Foundations of Medical Office/Medical Terminology
ICD-9/CPT Coding
Medical Insurance
Career Major Capstone

Employment Opportunities

Tulsa Tech's Career Placement Services team builds partnerships with Tulsa area businesses & industry to create opportunities for work-based experiences and job placement. Job search assistance is provided before and after graduation. Services include with employment information, resume building, refining interview skills and life-time access to the Tulsa Tech Job Connect database. Call Career Placement Services at 918-828-5270 or visit www.tulsatech.edu/jobconnect / email jobconnect@tulsatech.edu.

2009-2010 year completion & placement data:

- Total Enrolled: 26
- Completion: 31%
- Completed on-time: 100%
- Job Placement: 50%
- Returning Students: 42%
- OPE ID: 005311 / CIP: 51.0713

Application Process

Apply ON-LINE at www.tulsatech.edu/apply. Applications can also be obtained in the counseling offices on any of the campuses; at the Career Services Center located on the Memorial Complex; or by calling 918-828-5200.

Campus Location

Peoria Campus

3850 North Peoria
Tulsa, OK 74106-1619
(918) 828-2000
FAX (918) 828-2009

Area Salary

For information concerning working conditions, physical requirements, employment and job outlook please refer to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH), 2010-11 Edition at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>.

Salary information can be found at The Occupational Information Network (O*NET) Resource Center at <http://www.onetonline.org/>. O*NET-SOC Code: 29-2071.00 or 43-6013.00

Who Can Attend?

Adults

Tuition/Fees/Books

- Tuition: \$2,970 - \$3,105
- Lab & Required Fees: \$290
- Additional Required Costs: \$759
- Optional Fees: \$257 - \$305

Additional required costs: books, equipment, tools, uniforms & supplies.

Scheduling Information

Adults / 9-21 months Adult sessions:
1/2 Day: 7:45 - 10:45 A.M. / 11:50 - 2:50 P.M.
Day: 7:45 A.M. - 2:50 P.M.

Check with Admissions Office at 918-828-5260 for start dates.

Financial Aid

Financial assistance is available through several options at Tulsa Tech. For the most up-to-date information, call 918-828-5280 or visit www.tulsatech.edu. Some career majors are eligible for federal financial aid. To apply, go to: www.fafsa.ed.gov.