Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery Specialty Coding Course (CCVTC™ Preparation)

Prerequisites: At least two years of experience in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery. Not meant for individuals with little, limited, or no coding experience.

Clock Hours: 4 hours

Approved CEUs: Approved for 4 CEUs upon successful completion towards CPC®, CPB™, CPMA®, CPPM®, and Specialty Credentials except CIRCC (one-time use only).

Training Availability: Access available for one (1) year from purchase date.

Training Description:

This online course is designed for coding professionals working in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery for physicians to prepare you for the CCVTC™ certification exam. No other credential is needed to attain the CCVTC™ credential. Students will review the common diagnoses, surgical procedures, and evaluation management coding specific to cardiovascular and thoracic surgery.

Training Objectives:

1. Review common cardiovascular and thoracic surgery diagnosis codes and conditions.
2. Review CPT® and CMS E/M guidelines.
3. Common procedures performed in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery.
4. Discuss the most missed concepts on the CCVTC™ certification exam.
5. Practice test that mimics the format and structure of the CCVTC™ certification exam.

Training Content:

1. Interactive lectures with exercises.
2. Practice test with operative cases totaling 35 multiple choice questions.

Methods of Evaluation:

The instructional methods used include online audio/video lectures and online practice test. AAPC certified members must successfully complete the training within the allotted time frame of one year or less with a score of 70% or higher on the practice test.

Required Code Books (Not Included):

1. CPT® Professional Edition (current year), AMA publisher
2. ICD-10-CM (current year), any publisher
3. HCPCS Level II (current year), any publisher

Required code books may be purchased through AAPC (http://www.aapc.com/medical-coding-books/index.aspx), or through any major bookseller.

Computer Requirements: High-speed Internet connection and Adobe Acrobat Reader.