



CPC® Preparation Course Syllabus

Prerequisites: Knowledge of medical terminology and anatomy (or AAPC courses) strongly recommended.

Clock Hours: 80 (*Note:* 80 clock hours accounts only for time spent in the online course, and does not include time spent outside the course or study time. Study time will vary widely per individual.)

Course Length: To be completed at student's own pace within a 4-month period or less. Enrollment date begins at date of purchase. Monthly course extensions may be purchased.

Class Hours: Days/Times Per Week: Online course, independent self-study, no classroom meetings; student may login to course at their own time schedule, no specific login times. Students may email course content questions to coaching staff.

Certificate of Completion Issued: Yes

CEUs: 40 CEUs upon completion (AAPC certified prior to enrollment; some certifications excluded – see AAPC website for more details.)

Course Description: The student will learn principles of medical coding related to the three main code books: CPT®, ICD-10-CM Code Set and HCPCS Level II. This course is recommended for anyone who is preparing for a career in medical coding for a physician's office and strongly recommended for anyone who is preparing for AAPC's CPC certification examination.

Course Objectives:

- Identify the purpose of the CPT®, ICD-10-CM, and HCPCS Level II code books
- Understand and apply the official ICD-10-CM coding guidelines
- Apply coding conventions when assigning diagnoses and procedure codes
- Identify the information in appendices of the CPT® code book
- Explain the determination of the levels of E/M services
- Code a wide variety of patient services using CPT®, ICD-10-CM, and HCPCS Level II codes
- List the major features of HCPCS Level II codes
- Provide practical application of coding operative reports and evaluation and management services

Course Content:

- The Business of Medicine
- Review of Anatomy
- Overview of ICD-10-CM
- Applying the ICD-10-CM Guidelines
- Accurate ICD-10-CM Coding
- Introduction to CPT®, HCPCS Level II, and Modifiers
- Integumentary System
- Musculoskeletal System
- Respiratory System
- Cardiovascular System
- Hemic & Lymphatic Systems, Mediastinum, Diaphragm
- Digestive System
- Urinary System and Male Genital System
- Female Reproductive System and Maternity Care & Delivery
- Endocrine System and Nervous System
- Special Senses (Ocular and Auditory)
- Anesthesia
- Radiology
- Pathology & Laboratory
- Evaluation & Management Services

- Medicine
- Final Exam

Methods of Evaluation:

The instructional methods used include reading assignments, practice exercises and other assignments, audio/video lectures, chapter review exams, and a final exam. To receive a certificate of completion, students must successfully complete the course within the allotted time frame of 4 months or less (monthly extensions may be purchased).

Successful course completion includes:

- An attempt of all required assignments
- A passing score of 70% or higher on all chapter exams
- A passing score of 70% or higher on the final exam
- An overall final course score of 70% or higher

No reduced hours in the course or tuition discount for previous education or training will be granted.

Included Textbooks:

1. Medical Coding Training: CPC Textbook and Practical Application Combo - eBook; AAPC; AAPC publisher

Required Code Books (Not Included):

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

Required code books may be purchased through AAPC or any major bookseller.

Recommended Textbooks/Supplies (Not Included):

1. Medical dictionary, any publisher

Computer Requirements: High-speed Internet connection with Blackboard supported Operating System & Web browser (see the “Course Requirements” tab: <https://www.aapc.com/training/cpc-online-medical-coding-training-course.aspx>); Adobe Acrobat Reader. For best experience, use of a mobile device and Blackboard app is **not** recommended.

Course Enrollment Fee: Payment is due in full at time of enrollment. Fees listed do not include any required or recommended textbooks/supplies or computer requirements, which are to be purchased separately by the student. Prices are variable and subject to change, see AAPC website for most current enrollment fees: <https://www.aapc.com/training/cpc-complete-training-package.aspx>