



Behavioral Health Coding Training

Prerequisites: Completion of a professional coding course, or 1 year of ProFee coding experience recommended.

Clock Hours: 10 hours (*Note: 10 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 1-year 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.

Certificate of Completion Issued: Yes

CEUs: 10 CEUs upon successful completion (AAPC certified prior to enrollment; one-time use only; some certifications excluded – see AAPC website for more details.)

Training Description:

This online course is designed for professional coders interested in the Behavioral Health specialty and includes foundational material on common diagnoses and treatments in the field. Cases and examples taken from real world, redacted behavioral health records are utilized throughout the course. Students will learn Evaluation and Management, CPT®, and ICD-10-CM coding and guidelines specific for behavioral health and substance abuse treatment. Requirements of provider documentation for this specialty are also discussed to provide a basis of knowledge for working as a coder in a behavioral health setting.

Training Objectives:

1. Review the major topics of ICD-10-CM coding for Behavioral Health.
2. Provide instruction on Evaluation and Management (E/M) coding.
3. Apply E/M coding to behavioral health services.
4. Review proper CPT® Coding for behavioral health services.
5. Identify documentation requirements and CPT® guidelines affecting Behavioral Health.
6. Provide exposure to Behavioral Health coding through case studies.

Training Content:

1. Reading Assignment covering:
 - a. ICD-10-CM Coding for Behavioral Health
 - b. Evaluation and Management Coding for Behavioral Health
 - c. CPT Coding for Behavioral Health Services
2. Case Studies for practical application of coding skills
3. Interactive Lecture: Behavioral Health Therapies and Diagnoses
4. Interactive Lecture: Behavioral Health Documentation Specifics
5. Behavioral Health Final Assessment

Methods of Evaluation:

The instructional methods used include online PDF reading material, online audio/video lectures, online module review tests. To receive a certificate of completion & CEU certificate of credit, 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 Final Assessment.

Included Reading Material:

1. AAPC's Behavioral Health, 2019, AAPC publisher; (available online only in PDF format, no textbook will be issued with this course)

Required Code Books (Not Included):

1. CPT® Professional Edition (current year), AMA publisher
2. ICD-10-CM (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 with Adobe Flash Player and Adobe Acrobat Reader. For best experience, use of a mobile device 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/behavioral-health-coding-training.aspx>