

MEDICAL CODING II
Rutigliano HIM-F206 CRN 1099
(3 Credits)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course covers CPT® (Current Procedural Terminology) medical coding procedures and is designed to help students meet the challenge of today's changing government regulations and healthcare reporting. Included in the course is detailed information on health reform, ethical, legal, and compliance issues that relate to coding and reimbursement.

*Prerequisite: MED*125 and HIM*205.*

**TEXTBOOK: *3-2-1-CODE IT! 5th Edition by Michelle A Green* Cengage Learning
ISBN-13: 978-1-285-86721-2**

MEDICAL DICTIONARY of your choice (online dictionary acceptable)

ENCODER PRO

NOTE: EncoderPro.com expert online encoder software will be used to look up codes. If you have a new book you will have a 59-day free trial. If your trial is used then you will be required to buy access codes for additional time, which will be available at the College bookstore in 3-month increments.

OVERVIEW

Coding II is a continuation of the study of medical coding. In Medical Coding I (HIM205) the focus is on the diagnoses of diseases and conditions. In Medical Coding II, students will learn how to code procedures from the CPT® (Common Procedural Terminology). The CPT® is the most widely accepted nomenclature for the reporting of physician procedures and services under government and private health insurance programs. CPT® is the national code set and was designated as the national coding standard under HIPAA in the year 2000; as such it is required in all electronic transactions.

Scope of Course

Accurate coding is an essential component to the successful operation of any health care facility or provider's office. Proper coding determines the amount of reimbursement received for services and procedures. Those who are responsible for assigning and reporting codes and for those who work with coders, either in a technical or administrative position, must possess knowledge of coding concepts, guidelines and conventions and how to choose the proper code(s).

Program/Discipline Learning Outcomes Contained in Course:

The goal of the SAH&E is to incorporate the following learning outcomes into each course:

- Written and oral communication skills
- Critical thinking, problem solving, and analytical skills
- Interpersonal skills and awareness
- Teamwork, team-building, and project focus
- Knowledge of ethical and legal healthcare environment
- Awareness and respect for other perspectives
- Global awareness and diversity
- Flexibility and adaptability to change
- Personal productivity and organizational skills
- Ability to understand your customer
- Understand process management

Importance of Course in Program/Discipline

The AHIMA Education Strategy Committee has created a list of entry-level competencies for associate degree students. This course, HIM206, familiarizes students with the concepts and subject matter in each of the 5 domains and 15 subdomains recommended by AHIMA. As students prepare to enter the field of Health Information Management, this course is of high importance. The following AHIMA domains are covered:

- Domain 1: Health Data Management: Health data structure, content, and standards
- Domain 3: Health Services Organization, and Delivery
- Domain 4: Information Technology and Systems

Learning Outcomes:

- Describe the history and development of CPT®, its organization, sections, guidelines, notes, and index.
- Explain the organization, format and content of CPT®
- Use established guidelines to comply with reimbursement and reporting requirements such as the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI).
- Accurately apply outpatient and physician office coding guidelines when assigning procedure and service codes from CPT® which supports accurate and ethical billing through coding.
- Conduct analysis of documentation to extract accurate coding data, including operative reports, scenarios, and validate coding accuracy using clinical information found in the health record to code and sequence procedures and/or services from all sections of CPT®.
- Assignment and proper use of CPT® and HCPCS level II modifiers as appropriate.
- Master the use of specialized encoder software to locate codes and reference guidelines for proper coding in all sections of CPT®.

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Schedule

| Week | Chapter | Assignments | Points |
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| Week 1 1/19/16- 1/25/16 | EncoderPro Log-in Discussion Week #1 – <i>Meet and Greet Class</i> Chapter 8 – <i>Introduction to CPT®</i> | Log in to EncoderPro software Post your introduction and respond to other students In-chapter Exercises: 8.3, 8.4, 8.6, 8.7, 8.8, Coding Review: #1-25 | Required 15 35 |
| Week 2 1/24/16- 1/30/16 | Chapter 9 – <i>Evaluation & Management</i> Discussion Week #2 – Check-In and Preview | In-chapter 9.1, 9.2, 9.3. Initial Post by Wednesday (midnight) and Response by Sunday (midnight) | 35 25 |
| Week 3 1/30/16- 2/7/16 | Chapter 9 – <i>Evaluation & Management cont.</i> | In-chapter 9.4; Review Multiple Choice (#1-20); Coding Practice #21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47 | 35 |
| Week 4 2/6/16- 2/14/16 | Chapter 10 – <i>Anesthesia</i> | In-chapter 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 (#11-25), 10.4; Review Multiple Choice #1-20, Coding Practice II – Anesthesia #26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60. | 35 |

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| | Test Ch. 8 & 9 | | 50 |
| Week 5 2/13/16- 2/21/16 | Chapter 11 – <i>CPT Surgery I</i> | Review Multiple Choice #1-20; Coding Practice #21-30. | 35 |
| | Discussion Week #5 | Initial response due Wednesday (midnight) and Response due Sunday (midnight) | 75 |
| Week 6 2/20/16- 2/28/16 | Chapter 12 – <i>CPT Surgery II</i> Test Ch.10&11 | In-chapter 12.1-12.13; Review Multiple Choice #1-20; Coding Cases #21-25 and 31-35. | 35 50 |
| Week 7 2/27/16- 3/6/16 | Chapter 13 – <i>CPT Surgery III</i> | In-chapter 13.1 (#1-15), 13.2, 13.3; Review Multiple Choice #1-20; Coding Practice #21-25 and 31-35. | 35 |
| Week 8 3/5/16- 3/13/16 | Chapter 14 – <i>CPT Surgery IV</i> Test Ch.12&13 | In-chapter 14.1-14.6; Review Multiple Choice #1-20; Coding Practice #21-30 and #36-40. | 35 50 |
| Week 9 3/12/16- 3/20/16 | Chapter 15 – <i>CPT Surgery V</i> | In-chapter 15.1-15.6, 15.7 (#1-15), 15.8 (#1-10); Review Multiple Choice #1-20; | 17 |
| Week10 3/19/16- 4/03/16 | Chapter 15 – <i>CPT Surgery V cont.</i> | Coding Practice #21-23, 31-33, 41, 43-45, 52-54, 62-64, 72-74, 82-84, 92-94. | 18 50 |
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| Week11 4/2/16- 4/10/16 | Chapter 16 – <i>Radiology</i> Test Ch.14&15 | In-chapter 16.1-16.7; Coding Practice #21-40 | 35 50 |
| Week 12 4/9/16- 4/17/16 | Chapter 17 – <i>Pathology and Laboratory</i> Test Ch. 16 | In-chapter 17.1-17.3; Review Multiple Choice #1-20; Coding Practice #21-35. | 35 25 |
| Week 13 4/16/16- 4/24/16 | Chapter 18 - <i>Medicine</i> | In-chapter 18.1-18.3; Review Multiple Choice #1-20; Coding Practice #21-40. | 25 |
| Week 14 4/23/16- 5/01/16 | Test Ch. 17&18 Review For Final | | 50 |
| Final Exam Week 5/1/16- 5/12/16 | Final Exam | | 150 |
| | Points Total | | 1000 |

1000 Point Grading System

Coding II is graded on a 1000 Point Grading System. This means that all assignments are assigned a numerical point value and the total points for all assignments add up to 1000.

If you have not had a class that has used the 1000 Point Grading System before I think you will find it simple to understand and to gauge where you

stand at any point in time. This system eliminates complicated formulas and makes it easy to track your progress through the course.