

**Thomas Jefferson University
Department of General Studies
School of Health Professions
Jeff-at-Night**

Quick Facts about the Certificate in Medical Coding

About the Program:

This program offers a certificate designed to provide individuals with the knowledge required for entry level positions into the profession of Medical Coding, whether it be in a physician's practice or in one of the various healthcare settings, such as hospitals, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, etc.

What are the Courses in this Program?

Course	Credits
Comprehensive Medical Terminology	4
Structure and Function of Human Body	3
Human Disease and Treatment	2
ICD-9-CM Coding	2
CPT Coding Concepts	2
Application of ICD-9 and CPT Coding Concepts	2
Coding and Reimbursement Methodology	2
Health Information Foundations/ICD-10 Principles	1
Total Credits	18

Who Will Benefit from this Certificate?

Individuals looking for a career change, current healthcare professionals, and those who work in billing offices or finance departments who have seen coded medical information and would like to learn the process of its creation. The program is also suited for individuals interested in the link between physician documentation and healthcare reimbursement.

Medical coding is the analysis of patient specific medical information, and then translating it into numeric codes. Accurate and precise medical information increasingly acquired through the coding process, is used in healthcare reimbursement, patient care management, quality and utilization reviews, and for research and planning in every aspect of the healthcare industry. It applies to primary medical research, public health or marketing of services and facilities; therefore, knowledgeable and skilled coding professionals are always in demand.

How are the Courses Presented?

The majority of the courses are presented in a seven-week accelerated learning format, meeting once a week in a classroom setting with additional learning materials available online. Two classes are exceptions in that they meet for 15 weeks; they are Medical Terminology and Structure and Function of the Human Body.

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How Long Will It Take?

This program may be completed in 18 months. Challenge exams are also available for both Medical Terminology and Structure and Function of the Human Body; however, exemplary understanding of these concepts is fundamental to success in the program.

GETTING REGISTERED (The Details)

Tuition – What Does it Cost?

Credits are \$472 each. So, a three credit class is \$1,416, and a two credit class is \$944.

(If you are a Jefferson employee, you should contact Human Resources' benefits administrator.)

Scheduling:

Apply for Admission: If you wish to apply for admission to the 18 credit Certificate in Medical Coding Program, go to this website and follow the directions for setting up your admissions record and submitting materials:

http://www.jefferson.edu/health_professions/admissions/apply.cfm

Program Contact

This program is offered through the School of Health Professions, Department of General Studies. Interested individuals should contact Lee E. Bryant, Undergraduate Program Director, at 215.503.8414 to set up an appointment.