

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your recent inquiry or application to the Medical Information Coder/Biller program. After one year of the program we have found it necessary to revise the curriculum to better prepare you for your career.

Enclosed please find the curriculum for the Medical Information Coder/Biller program. Please note that HSC 1531 (Medical Terminology) is a prerequisite to the program. If you are interested in entering the program HSC 1531 (Medical Terminology) must be completed prior to program entry.

You may also take ENC 1101 (College Composition I) and BSC 1020 (Human Biology) prior to or along with the program. All classes are held on the Daytona Campus.

If you have any questions please contact Melissa Brown, Academic Advisor at 386-506-3052 brownm@daytonastate.edu or me at 386-506-3748 or thomasn@daytonastate.edu

Sincerely,

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Frequently Asked Questions About Medical Information Coder/Biller Program

1. Is enrollment limited?

The Medical Information Coder/Biller program can only accept 20 students each year. The applications are accepted any time during the year on a “first come - first served” basis.

2. What is the employment outlook?

The employment outlook is good.

3. What salary can I expect to earn?

One can expect to earn between \$9.00 – \$12.00 an hour working in a physician office setting.

4. What are the typical working hours in this profession?

Regular working hours are 8am – 5pm.

5. What are the program hours?

The Medical Information Coder/Biller program is a day program. The class schedule currently is:

Spring semester: Monday & Wednesday from 8 am – 12:30 pm

Summer semester: Monday through Thursday from 8 am – 12 pm

Fall semester: Monday & Wednesday from 8 am – 12:30 pm

6. How much does the program cost? What about books, lab fees?

At an in-state rate of \$87.88 college credit hours, the tuition cost for this 34 credit hour certificate would be about \$2,987. For out-of-state students, the fee would be approximately \$11,267 (\$331.40 per college credit hour). Books will cost about \$500 for program required books, and an insurance fee (billed as a “lab fee”) of \$15 is also required.

7. FDLE (Florida Department of Law Enforcement) Background Screening

Prior to enrolling in the program students will be required to complete an FDLE background screening with cost approximately \$24. Forms will be provided once a student is accepted into the program.

8. Must I take a national certification exam upon completion of this program?

Although no exam is required, it is highly recommended that you obtain national certification through the American Association of Professional Coders as a CPC, or the American Health Information Management Association as a CCS-P.

9. Is a license required to work in this occupation?

No license is required in this field.

10. Do I need to take a college placement exam?

All applicants are required to take the College Placement Test (CPT) and be at the 10th grade level for reading, language and arithmetic. You may need to enroll in remedial coursework to achieve this.

11. What courses may I take before starting the major courses?

You must complete HSC 1531 (Medical Terminology) prior to beginning the program. You may also take ENC 1101 (College Composition I) and BSC 1020 (Human Biology).

12. Is clinical or externship training required in the program?

Yes. A short internship is required in the last semester of the program.

13. I have previous college courses. Will they count in this program?

If assessed as equivalent to courses in the program, credits will be transferable.

14. When may I start the program?

Applications are received throughout the year for the beginning of the program, which is Spring semester (January). The applicant must complete the CPT test and be at the entry level of Intermediate Algebra (MAT1033). Selection will be based on completion of the prerequisite course and cumulative GPA. Applicants will be notified in November of their acceptance for the January program.