CURRICULUM STANDARD

Curriculum Program Title	**Advanced Medical Coding (Diploma)**	Program Code	**D45530**
Concentration	**(not applicable)**	CIP Code	*51.0707*

Curriculum Description

The Advanced Medical Coding curriculum provides the didactic and clinical experience necessary to become competent credentialed coders.

Coursework includes reimbursement, advanced International Classification of Diseases-10th Revision-Clinical Modification/Procedure Coding System (ICD-10-CM/PCS), Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).

Graduates may be eligible to take either of the Certified Coding Specialist exams: the Certified Coding Specialist and/or the Certified Coding Specialist-Physician Based (CCS/CCS-P).

Individuals entering this curriculum must hold a minimum of an associate's degree in a healthcare field or health informatics from a regionally accredited college or university.

Curriculum Requirements*
[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

I. **General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.

II. **Major Hours**. AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*

III. **Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate**
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	24
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0
Total Semester Hours Credit in Program	**64-76**	**36-48**	**24**

*Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.

Major Hours

A. **Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.

B. **Concentration** *(if applicable).* A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.

C. **Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

Advanced Medical Coding (Diploma) (D45530)	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	**49 SHC**	**30 SHC**	
A. **CORE**	N\A		

Required Courses:

AMC	200	Health Information for Coders	2 SHC
AMC	201	Legal and Compliance	2 SHC
AMC	202	Coding for Reimbursement	2 SHC
AMC	203	Intermediate ICD Diagnoses	3 SHC
AMC	204	Intermediate ICD Procedures	3 SHC
AMC	205	Intermediate CPT Coding	3 SHC
AMC	206	Clinical Documentation	3 SHC
AMC	207	Advanced Medical Coding Lab I	2 SHC
AMC	209	Professional Practice Exp.	2 SHC
BIO	271	Pathophysiology	3 SHC or
HIT	226	Principles of Disease	3 SHC

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY Select one sequence:

BIO	165	Anatomy & Physiology I	4 SHC &
BIO	166	Anatomy & Physiology II	4 SHC or
BIO	168	Anatomy & Physiology I	4 SHC &
BIO	169	Anatomy & Physiology II	4 SHC or
BIO	163	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	5 SHC

B. **CONCENTRATION** *(not applicable)*			
C. **OTHER MAJOR HOURS** *(not applicable)* *To be selected from the following prefixes:* AMC, BIO, HIT, MED, and OST *Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.* *Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI ,FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA.* .			

**This program is approved by the State Board of Community Colleges to exceed maximum standard hours for a certificate program. [ref. 1D SBCCC 400.95(d)]