

## HEALTH SCIENCES

### GUIDED PATHWAY: MEDICAL FRONT OFFICE MEDICAL CODER

For more information, visit [www.dcccd.edu/MedFrontOffice](http://www.dcccd.edu/MedFrontOffice) and your academic advisor at your college.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing the Medical Front Office Medical Coder Certificate. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn a Level I Certificate in Medical Front Office Medical Coder Certificate <sup>ii</sup>. Gainful employment information for this certificate can be found at [https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/programs/degree\\_gei.cfm?a=422](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/programs/degree_gei.cfm?a=422). For official certificate requirements, [click here](#).

The Medical Coder Certificate Program provides training in medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, electronic health records, legal and ethical standards in health care, as well as coding and insurance procedures. Upon program completion, students will have the technical skills needed to enter the healthcare market as an entry-level medical coder in a variety of health care settings. This certificate also provides a foundation to prepare for the national certification exams.

Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites, as long as the student completes the TSI waiver form prior to enrollment.



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### SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS <sup>iii</sup>

*ALL MAPS CAN BE MODIFIED TO FIT THE NEEDS OF PART-TIME STUDENTS*

C	PREREQUISITES	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>POFI 1301</b> – Computer Applications I <sup>iv</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or coach to research your career options and opportunities for job shadowing.
♦	<b>MDCA 1313</b> – Medical Terminology	
♦	<b>MDCA 1409</b> – Anatomy and Physiology for Medical Assistants	
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 10</b>		
C	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>HITT 1301</b> – Health Data Content and Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to request an official program of study audit, confirm or update your academic/career path and program of study.
♦	<b>HITT 2371</b> – Pathophysiology and Pharmacology	
♦	<b>HITT 1341</b> – Coding and Classification Systems	
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 9</b>		
C	SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>HITT 1253</b> – Legal and Ethical Aspects of Health Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search.
♦	<b>HITT 1311</b> – Health Information Systems	
♦	<b>HITT 1342</b> – Ambulatory Coding	
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 8</b>		
C	SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>HITT 2335</b> – Coding and Reimbursement Methodologies	<input type="checkbox"/> After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, apply for Graduation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meet with your advisor to apply for the Medical Front Office Medical Coder Certificate.</li> <li>○ Sign up for commencement.</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search <input type="checkbox"/> Join the <a href="#">Alumni Network!</a>
♦	<b>HITT 2246</b> – Advanced Medical Coding	
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 5</b>		
<b>CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 32 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS   PATHWAY TOTAL: 32 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS</b>		

<sup>i</sup> Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered one of the seven colleges on or before this date.

<sup>ii</sup> Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by one of the seven DCCCD colleges awarding the certificate.

<sup>iii</sup> This is not an official degree plan. For official certificate requirements, [click here](#).

<sup>iv</sup> Must select from specific section for Medical Front Office/Medical Code programs. See your academic advisor for a specific list.