

Northwest Arkansas Community College
Division of Health Professions

Discipline Code

HIM

Course Number

2423

Course Title

Procedure Coding-CPT

Catalog Description

In-depth exposure to CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) coding, reimbursement trends, guidelines, and coding from source documents. Application of current evaluation and management documentation guidelines. Emphasis on surgical procedures. Appropriate assignment of CPT and HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System) Level II modifiers. Introduction to computerized encoders.

Prerequisites

BIOL 2214 Prerequisites or Corequisite: BIOL 2224 HIM 1213 HIM 1403

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

The student will need to obtain transfer information from the institution he/she is transferring to in order to determine transferability.

Contact hours

30 lecture 30 lab

Load hours

5 load hours

Semesters Offered

Fall

ACTS Equivalent

None

Grade Mode

A-F (HIM Program Grading Scale)

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Compile patient data for appropriate code assignment.
2. Apply diagnosis and procedure codes using CPT and HCPCS.
3. Identify the need for collaboration with clinical staff to resolve coding discrepancies and documentation issues.
4. Apply legal and ethical guidelines as they relate to medical coding and reimbursement.
5. Use anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology knowledge when coding health information.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students can use computers proficiently.
- Students demonstrate information literacy.

Standard Practices

HIM Grading Scale

A=93-100

B=85-92

C=77-84

D=69-76

F=< 69