

# Medical Coding Proposal

Barton County Community College

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This certificate program is designed to develop skills used in theory and practice of ICD-9-CM (diagnosis codes), CPT (procedure codes), and HCPCS codes for medical outpatient billing. In addition to coding procedures, students will acquire administrative skills to be successful in a professional environment. Students completing this certificate are prepared for insurance billing positions in the health care outpatient industry.

# Employment Overview

- Employment is expected to grow much faster than average\*
- Earnings in field range from \$22-26,000 annually\*
- Job opportunities exist in local and surrounding areas

\*U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook

# Employment Overview

- Medical Records & Health Information Technician (Medical Coding is a portion of this profession)
  - America's Career InfoNet projects a 29% increase in employment (2004 to 2014)
  - KS Occupational Outlook projects increase in annual employment of 55.1% (2000 to 2010)
  - Community College Strategic Planner projects growth of 7% in surrounding counties (2005-2010)
    - Increase from 20 to 21 positions

# Program Duplication

- Hutchinson Community College (HCC)
  - Health Coding Specialist certificate
    - Online, not accredited
  - Health Information Management Degree
  - Most employers in HCC's service area prefer degree
- Washburn University
  - Coding Specialist Certificate
    - Not online, not accredited

# Curriculum

- 32-Credit Hour Certificate
  - Business English
  - Anatomy & Physiology for Pre-Hospital Provider
  - Basic Pharmacology
  - Computer Concepts and Applications
  - Medical Terminology
  - Special Office Procedures-Medical
  - Ten Key Mastery
  - Keyboarding II
  - Medical Coding
  - Medical Coding II
  - Medical Coding III

# Opportunities

- Proposed start date: Fall 2007
- Offer certificate 100% online
- Implement marketing strategies locally and at Ft. Riley
- Pursue accreditation through AHIMA  
(American Health Information Management Association)