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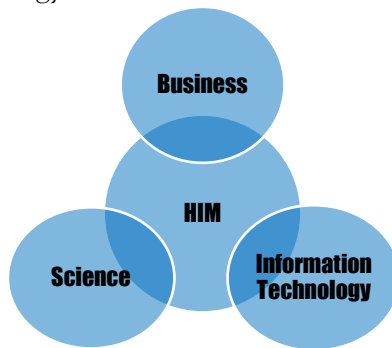
HEALTH CARE CODING (HCC)

WHAT IS HEALTH INFORMATION?

“The practice of acquiring, analyzing and protecting digital and traditional medical information vital to providing quality of care.”

<http://www.ahima.org/careers/healthinfo>

Health information management is the field in which health information technicians and health care coders reside. The field combines the concepts of business, science, and information technology.



HIM professionals are highly trained in the latest information management technology applications and understand the workflow in any healthcare provider organization from large hospital systems to the private physician practice. They are vital to the daily operations management of health information and electronic health records (EHRs). They ensure a patient’s health information and records are complete, accurate, and protected. (<http://www.ahima.org/careers/healthinfo>)

The field, or industry, is referred to as health information management. Within the field, there are many areas of specialization, such as healthcare coding.

Coders are responsible for reviewing medical documentation to determine appropriate codes for diagnoses, procedures and services. These codes are then applied during the medical billing process to determine reimbursement and claim amounts.

IS THIS CAREER RIGHT FOR YOU?

HCC PROFESSIONALS SHOULD:

- Display an attention to detail
- Enjoy the daily challenge of searching for information
- Have an interest in science and reviewing medical documentation
- Work independently and in groups
- Be self-motivated

TYPES OF JOBS

Inpatient Coder
Outpatient Coder
Surgical Coder
Coding Supervisor
Revenue Cycle Specialist

Certification

NAU HCC graduates are eligible for the **Certified Coding Associate (CCA)** certification.

The CCA credential distinguishes coders by exhibiting commitment and demonstrating coding competencies across all settings, including hospitals and physician practices. Becoming a CCA positions you as a leader in an exciting and growing market. CCAs:

- Exhibit a level of commitment, competency, and professional capability that employers are looking for
- Demonstrate a commitment to the coding profession
- Distinguish themselves from non-credentialed coders (<http://www.ahima.org/certification/CCA>)