

MEDICAL CODING

Campus Location

Peoria Campus

Occupational Focus

The Medical Coding program at Tulsa Tech provides the training you need to begin a career in this exciting and rewarding branch of the health field. Coders play an important role in the storage and retrieval of health information; they transform verbal and narrative descriptions of disease, injury, and procedures into numerical designations through the use of coding systems. The coding specialists assign codes to patient diagnoses and procedures, which are then used for reimbursement of health care services, research, and medical statistics. This career is for students who are highly motivated, capable of paying special attention to details, and wanting a recognized industry certification.

For information concerning working conditions, physical requirements, employment and job outlook please refer to the 2008-09 Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>.

Who Can Attend?

High school students
Adults

Prerequisite(s)

Basic computer literacy

Scheduling Information

One year program beginning in August
Check with Admissions Office at 918.828.5260 for start dates.

Three hours daily

--Morning session - 7:55 - 10:55 am

--Afternoon session - 11:55 - 2:55 pm

Career Majors

Medical Insurance Coder - 1040 Hours*

This major prepares students to maintain patients' records using universally recognized coding systems that ensure compliance with federal regulations and insurance requirements. In addition to learning International Classification of Diseases (ICD) and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding principles, students also learn medical office accounting procedures and medical insurance claim processing. Medical terminology and administrative routines and procedures specific to a medical office are covered. Students gain skills required for numerous industry-related certifications.

**Career major, courses and hours are subject to change without notice*

Tuition

No charge for high school students within Tulsa Tech District.

Adult - \$2.50/hour*

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Books/Supplies

No textbook charge for high school students within Tulsa Tech District.

Adult see campus bookstore

College Credit

College credit is available for the majority of Tulsa Tech's full-time programs through Rogers State University, Oklahoma State University-IT or Tulsa Community College. Advanced standing credit may also be granted for some of our programs. The number of hours varies depending on the program length, the college granting the credit, and the student's plan of study. Check with your Tulsa Tech counselor for more information.

Credentials/Industry Certifications

Brainbench; American Academy of Professional Coders

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Employment Opportunities

Insurance Clerk, Billing Clerk, Coder in Physician Office, Coder in Insurance Office, Compliance Officer, Medical Information Coder

Tulsa-Area Salary

\$10.44-\$15.30/hour

Financial Aid

Scholarships are available for eligible students. Call 918.828.5280 or email financialaid@tulsatech.org for detailed information.

Application Process

High school students see Tulsa Tech career counselor or sending school counselor.

Adults contact Tulsa Tech Admissions and Enrollment office at 918.828.5260, email admissions@tulsatech.org or check out our website at www.tulsatech.edu.

Courses by Career Majors

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Fundamentals of Technology
Fundamentals of Administrative Technologies
Foundations of Medical Office/Medical Terminology
Patient Billing
Medical Insurance
ICD9-CPT Coding
Career Major Capstone

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