Piedmont Technical College Course Syllabus

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Prefix/Number: AHS 171
Title: Introduction to Medical Coding
Responsible Division: Business, Information Technologies and Public Service

Last Day to Withdraw from this Course: For the last date to withdraw from this course, consult the current Student Calendar.

Course Description:

For course, credit hour, pre-requisite(s) and co-requisite(s) information, visit the Detailed Course Information page: [www.ptc.edu/courses/AHS171](http://www.ptc.edu/courses/AHS171).

Textbook and Other Materials:

For textbook information and additional required and/or supplemental materials, visit the [college bookstore](http://www.ptc.edu/bookstore) (www.ptc.edu/bookstore).

Proctored Examinations:

Proctored examinations for distance learning courses taken at non-PTC campuses may require a proctoring fee for each exam taken.

COURSE POLICIES

Course policies are available online through the Academic Catalog and Student Handbook. Visit the [Course Policies page](http://www.ptc.edu/syllabus/policies) (www.ptc.edu/syllabus/policies) for a detailed list of important policies and more information.

GRADE POLICY

Detailed grading policy information can be found on the [Grading Policy webpage](http://www.ptc.edu/grading-policy). Final grade appeal information is available in the [Academic Catalog](http://www.ptc.edu/catalog/).
ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations for ADA:

Information is available on the Student Disability Services webpage (http://www.ptc.edu/ada).

RATIONALE

Why do I need this course?

The ability to code and interpret medical records is imperative for the success of a medical facility. The coding student must be able to read, interpret, and code the records to the highest level of specificity.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

For program information including required courses, program learning outcomes, gainful employment information and advisement information, refer to the Academic Program webpage. Go to Academics (http://www.ptc.edu/academics), select your program, and then select Credentials Offered.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course and/or clinical, each student will be able to:

- Identify the three different coding books that will be used throughout the four coding classes.
- Learn and understand how to use each coding book, and its purpose.
- Practice using the different coding books on real world coding examples.

GENERAL EDUCATION COMPETENCIES

Piedmont Technical College General Education Competencies for All Graduates:

*This course may address one or more of the following General Education Competencies (assessment will be stated when applicable):*
Communicate effectively.
Assessment:
N/A

Apply mathematical skills appropriate to an occupation.
Assessment:
N/A

Employ effective processes for resolving problems and making decisions.
Assessment:
Students will learn how to lookup codes and do coding cases. The student will be responsible for making the best decisions for the patient based on the information given in the problem or the case.

Demonstrate the basic computer skills necessary to function in a technological world.
Assessment:
Students must prepare all documents using skills in the Microsoft Office suite.

To validate proficiency in the general education competencies, students in some programs will be tested using Work Keys.