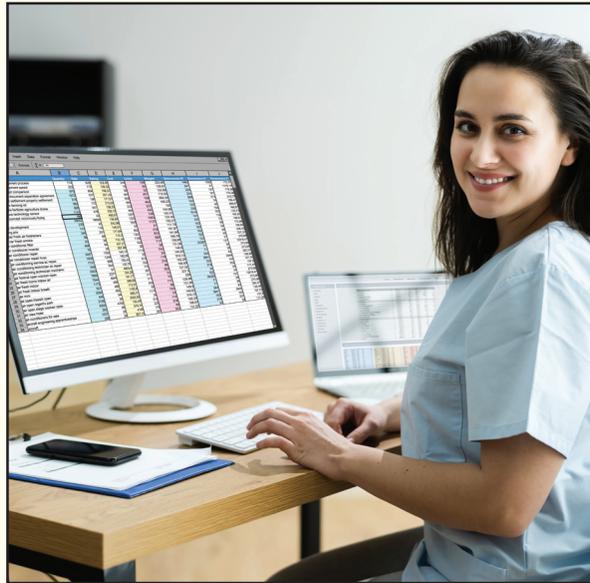


# Accreditation Information:

Northeast Texas Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Northeast Texas Community College.

Northeast Texas Community College is also approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Education Agency.



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**Medical Billing  
& Coding Specialist**

**Certificate**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Coding Specialist Certificate program is designed to prepare competent coding specialists to be responsible for correctly coding healthcare claims in order to obtain reimbursement from insurance companies and government healthcare programs, such as Medicare. Medical coding specialists work in hospitals, clinics and physicians' offices and utilize specialized medical classification software to assign procedure and diagnosis codes for insurance billing. Coders also review claims data to ensure that assigned codes meet required legal and insurance rules and that required signatures and authorizations are in place prior to submission.

Qualified medical coders can earn the Certified Coding Associate (CCA), Certified Coding Specialist (CCS), or the Certified Coding Specialist Physician Based (CCS-P) credential through the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). These credentials are the only coding credential, world-wide, currently accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).



## PATHWAY

### Year 1 Semester 1 - Fall

MDCA 1313 Medical Terminology

MDCA 1343 Medical Insurance

MDCA 1205 Medical Law & Ethics

HITT 1441 Coding and Classification Systems

**Total Credit Hours: 12**

### Year 1 Semester 2 - Spring

HITT 1301 Health Data Content and Structure

MDCA 1302 Human Disease/Pathophysiology

MDCA 1309 Anatomy and Physiology for

Medical Assistants

HITT 1342 Ambulatory Coding

**Total Credit Hours: 12**

### Year 1 Semester 3 - Summer

HITT 1249 Pharmacology for Health Professions

HITT 2346 Advanced Medical Coding

BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications

HITT 2435 Coding and Reimbursement Methodologies

**Total Credit Hours: 12**

**Total Program Hours: 36**



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## JOB OUTLOOK

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), job prospects for Medical Coding Specialists should be very good over the next several years. Medical Coding Specialists are included under the broader category of medical records and health information technicians. BLS projections indicate a 22% increase in employment in this field between 2012 and 2022, which is much faster than average for all occupations. Medical Coding Specialists with a solid understanding of relevant computer software technology, ICD-10 and CPT coding conventions, and certification credentials will be in demand across various healthcare settings. Yearly salaries for Certified Medical Coding Specialists is approximately \$28,000, depending upon location and work experience.

For those students who wish to pursue further education, NTCC offers an Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting, which can be completed within 24 months and in conjunction with the Medical Coding Specialist program. Beyond courses in the Medical Coding certificate program, the Medical Assisting Program curriculum includes further instruction in administrative and clinical skills. Students earning both an AAS in Medical Assisting and a Certificate I in Medical Coding will be more valuable to employers.