

Everett Community College Medical Coding Program: AAPC and AHIMA Certifications

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<p>American Association of Professional Coders</p> <p>(AAPC)</p> <p>*Exciting Note: The AAPC has reviewed the Career Step program and practicum we use, and because of this training, AAPC will remove one of the two required years of the apprenticeship when students pass the Career Step final exam. Students will only need to have one additional year of experience after graduating and passing the AAPC's CPC to meet their requirements.</p>	<p><u>CPC-A®</u></p> <p>Certified Professional Coder - Apprentice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CPC® certification validates proficiency in the correct application of CPT®, HCPCS Level II procedure and supply codes, and ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes used for coding and billing for medical claims in a physician's office. Members with an apprentice designation are not required to have two years medical coding experience. After documentation of 2* years of experience, the apprentice credential (A) will be removed. <p><u>CPC®</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A CPC must have at least two years medical coding experience. <p><u>Other AAPC Credentials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COC® (Certified Outpatient Coder) CIC® (Certified Inpatient Coder) CRC® (Certified Risk Adjustment Coder) CPC-P® (Certified Professional Coder) Various Specialty Coding Certifications CPB® (Certified Professional Biller) 	<p><u>Membership Cost</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$110.00 (Student) \$160.00 (Non-Student) <p>Membership is required to be renewed annually.</p> <p><u>Exam Cost</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$380.00 with 2 takes allowed <p><u>What to Expect with the Exam</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 150 multiple choice questions (proctored) 5 hours and 40 minutes to finish the exam 1 free retake Must pass with 70% or higher Open current coding books <p><u>To Maintain Certification</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 36 Continuing Education Units (CEU's) must be submitted every two years for verification and authentication of expertise 	<p><u>Approved manuals include:</u></p> <p>CPT®</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMA published only. No other publisher is allowed. Professional or Standard edition only. <p>ICD-10-CM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your choice of manual <p>HCPCS Level II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your choice of manual <p>“Each code set is updated annually; it is essential that examinees use the current calendar year's coding manuals when taking the certification exam.”</p> <p>These books CANNOT be used for the exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Procedural Coding Expert®, Ingenix Procedural Coding Professional, Contexo Procedural Coding Professional, AAPC Procedural Coding Expert, Contexo Procedural Coding Expert, AAPC CPT® Insider's View, AMA CPT® Plus!, PMIC Coders' Choice CPT®, PMIC ICD-10-CM Easy Coder

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPMA® (Certified Professional Medical Auditor) CPCO® (Certified Professional Compliance Officer) <p>Visit the AAPC website for more certification information.</p>		<p>Be sure to check the AAPC website for current CPC exam approved manuals!</p>
<p>American Health Information Management Association</p> <p>(AHIMA)</p>	<p><u>CCA®</u></p> <p>Certified Coding Associate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CCA distinguishes coders by exhibiting commitment and demonstrating coding competencies across all settings, including both hospitals and physician practices. There is no apprentice designation with AHIMA certification. <p><u>Other AHIMA Coding Credentials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCS® (Certified Coding Specialist) CCS-P® (Certified Coding Specialist - Physician Based) The CCS and CCS-P exams demonstrate mastery level skills in an area of specialty: hospital-based for CCS's and physician practice-based for CCS-Ps. <p>Visit the AHIMA website for more certification information.</p>	<p><u>Membership Cost</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$49.00 (Student) \$135.00 (Active) <p><u>Exam Cost</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$199.00 (Member) \$299.00 (Non-Member) <p><u>What to Expect with the Exam</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 multiple choice questions (proctored) 2 hours to finish the exam The current passing <i>scaled score</i> for the CCA examination is 300 out of 400. Candidates who have taken the exam and were unsuccessful must wait a minimum of 90 days. To retake an exam, the candidate must reapply by submitting a current application with the appropriate fee. <p><u>To Maintain Certification</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 CEUs, including two mandatory annual coding self-reviews (self-assessments) are required. 	<p><u>Allowable books include:</u></p> <p>Candidates must bring the following books to the test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICD-10-CM code book ICD-10-PCS code book CPT code book (AMA published only) <p>The following ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS code books were acceptable in July 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHIMA AMA AAPC Channel Decision Health Elsevier Optum or Optum 360 PMIC The Coding Institute <p>AMA was the only acceptable publisher for the CPT code book.</p> <p>Be sure to check the AHIMA website for current CCA exam allowable code books!</p>