

Medical Coding for Inpatient Services

INDUSTRY FACTS



What do medical coding professionals do?

Medical coding professionals take patient data and transform it into codes to facilitate collaboration with other medical providers and ensure accuracy in the billing

process. When a patient is admitted to a health facility for more than a few hours (think hospital, rehab program, or nursing home), inpatient coders provide an overview of the treatments received in that time.

Where do medical coding professionals work?

Inpatient coders generally work on-site in a facility or even remotely after certain standards have been achieved. They often find opportunities in hospitals working as contractors, or insurance companies. Inpatient coders can also grow into auditing roles.

How much do medical coding professionals earn?

The median salary for a medical coder specializing in Inpatient Services is \$38,785 with potential for traditional employment benefits. The best part is



that salaries for medical coders can be even higher, depending on qualifications and certifications, type of employer, and experience. Professionals with one credential often earn over \$52,000 a year.

How's the job outlook?

Medical coding jobs are in high demand. So much so, that health systems across the country are scrambling to find trained professionals with this specific skill set. The U.S. Department of Labor estimated 13.5% employment growth in 10 years. That's over 23,000 new jobs needing someone like you.*

*U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Dental Assistant Entry Level

PROGRAM DETAILS

Improve Your Life

When it comes to career training, you'll find a lot of fakers out there. Con artists that'll try to impress you with fancy hyperbole. But through all the noise, the distinct sound of success can be heard. Your success. All it takes is a little push in the right direction—and your whole life could change. New doors opened. New worlds discovered. And new opportunities explored. With CareerStep, anything is possible.

Prepare For A Better Job

Inpatient coders shoulder a lot of responsibility. One simple coding error can lead to serious loss of revenue, so this role is generally well-suited for professionals with a sharp eye and strong organizational skills.

Learn Your Way

Online training minimizes the challenges of taking time out to return to school. The online training format offers distinct advantages:

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

Receive Coaching and Guidance

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- Learning Support
- Technical Support

Get Certified

We'll prepare you to take nationally recognized exams so you can explore greater opportunities in your area

- **Certified Coding Associate (CCA)**
- **Certified Inpatient Coder (CIC)**

Program Outline

Courses

Program Orientation

Inpatient Coding

Advanced Inpatient Coding

Program Completion

TOTAL HOURS: 100

Coursework, Simulations, and Experiential