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# Hospital Coding

*Professional Education for the Healthcare Industry*

## Hospital Coding Specialist Professional Certificate Program

**UCSD Extension's Hospital Coding Specialist Certificate** is a comprehensive education program that prepares qualified individuals to become Hospital Coding Professionals. By maintaining, collecting, and analyzing health information, Coding Specialists make a vital contribution to the delivery of quality care.

**Upon completion of this year-long program, students will be able to:**

- Demonstrate mastery in utilizing coding conventions (ICD-9-CM, CPT, DRG, HCPCS, APC)
- Explain and apply regulatory requirements that continue to affect coding and reimbursement in the healthcare environment
- Accurately assign diagnostic and surgical codes for financial reimbursement to the organization
- Communicate skillfully and effectively in interactions with coding colleagues, physicians, and other healthcare professionals
- Efficiently analyze health information to facilitate data collection and reimbursement processes, such as, state reporting, outcome studies, decision support, and staff and patient education

### Benefits:

- Educational program developed by professionals from the major San Diego Healthcare Systems and UCSD Extension
- Numerous job opportunities for those entering the field and those looking to advance their career
- Flexible schedule designed for working professionals

### Hospital Coding Program:

**Dates:** July 2011 – August 2012

**Days:** Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursdays: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** UCSD Extension

**Instructors:** Dr. Sari Metwalli and Lidiya Ter-Markoarova, BA, RHIT

**Credit:** 35 credits

**Program Tuition:** \$1,500

### Program Schedule:

#### Summer 2011:

Anatomy & Physiology  
Medical Terminology (Online)

#### Fall 2011:

Coding I  
Pathophysiology of Human Disease I

#### Winter 2012:

Coding II  
Pathophysiology of Human Disease II

#### Spring 2012:

Coding III  
Pharmacology

#### Summer 2012:

Coding Practicum

### Who Should Attend?

This program is specially designed for students with general coding knowledge, in order to prepare them for the possibility of a successful coding career in the acute and ambulatory care settings. It will also enhance the existing skills of individuals who are currently coding in those care settings.

### Application Deadline:

Deadline date for applications to be received is April 18, 2011. Interviews will be held through May.

Please return completed application to:

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