



## **Division of Health Sciences**

### **Medical Coding Certificate**

This program prepares students for careers in medical records coding in either an inpatient or outpatient setting. The medical coding program teaches proper coding of medical conditions that generate payment to a variety of health insurance providers including Medicare. All coders must be taught the new approaches to medical diagnosis coding for third-party payments. This certificate program is appropriate for entry-level job candidates, and for those wishing to build on a current skill base in order to make a career change.

Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

1. Accurately code diagnoses and procedures in a variety of healthcare settings using currently accepted coding systems;
2. Differentiate among the different reimbursement methodologies;
3. Interpret health data content to support the assignment of correct medical codes and for reimbursement;
4. Follow health information requirements and standards;
5. Apply computer technology in the completion of health information processes;
6. Model professional behavior and ethics in a diverse population;
7. Comply with established legal and ethical standards of health information practice;
8. Communicate effectively using appropriate terminology;
9. Connect coding concepts to anatomy and pathophysiology.