



**Course Syllabus
HITT2435
Coding and Reimbursement Methodologies**

***** Note to Student *****

Student Success is our number one priority at Coastal Bend College and we realize that prompt, effective communication plays a significant role in achieving that goal. It is vitally important that you have the proper contact information for your instructor. This should include their phone number, email address, and if applicable, their office number, and office hours. If you ever have any problems contacting your instructor, or do not receive a prompt response to your inquiries, please contact the Assistant Dean of Workforce Training, or the Dean of Workforce, as soon as possible. Their contact information is provided below:

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"For students in this course who may have a criminal background, please be advised that the background could keep you from being licensed by the State of Texas. If you have a question about your background and licensure, please speak with your faculty member or the Assistant Dean. You also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the applicable licensing agency."

We wish you all the best in your education and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Keeping student success in sight, faculty in each of the courses will review with students, course information with specific reading schedules, assignments, and testing information during the first week of class. Additionally, the course information will be posted to Blackboard (THECB 60x30TX compliance).

Course Description:

Advanced coding techniques with emphasis on case studies, health records, and federal regulations regarding prospective payment systems and methods of reimbursement as they relate to out-patient procedural coding to emphasize the HCPCS [Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System] CPT [Current Procedural Terminology] coding process is taught.

Semester Hours Credit: 4

Lecture/Lab Hours: 3 Lecture and 3 Lab



Textbook(s): CPT 2016, Professional Edition, AMA, ISBN: 9781622022083; Understanding Procedural Coding A Work text 5th Edition, Bowie, Mary Jo, DELMAR Cengage Learning, ISBN 978-1-305-64705-3 {Note: textbook and coding manual will always be current edition}

End of Course Outcomes: Upon successfully completing the course the students will:

1. Understand the structure and organization of the CPT and HCPCS coding books and codes.
2. Be able to use knowledge of medical services and procedures and coding systems to abstract information from health records for appropriate code selection and validation.
3. To Code outpatient procedures and services and therapies.
4. Apply decision-making skills to ensure proper selection of codes.
5. Understand how to query for missing or incomplete information in a health record.
6. Sequence codes according to established guidelines and standards.
7. Apply reimbursement methodologies.

Teaching Methods:

1. Lecture
2. Discussion Assignments [written]
3. Class Assessments done in Lab
4. Course is taught using Blackboard and 3M Encoder

Evaluation Methods:

1. Reading assignments
2. Class assignments
3. Chapter Exams
4. Lab Work – Coding exercises and tests over guidelines and coding procedures
4. Final exam

Student Learning Outcomes: Lecture

The student will demonstrate *communicative skills* in being able to use knowledge of medical services, procedures, diagnostic methods.

Assessment:

The assessment will be done through a mid-term examination over the basic coding conventions and guidelines and structure of coding books followed in using the HCPCS and CPT system.

Target:

At least 90% of the student will score 75% or higher on the assessment.

Student Learning Outcomes: Lab

The students will demonstrate their critical thinking skills in the assignment of correct medical codes to given episodes of care.

Assessment: The assessment will be done through a test where the student will assign the proper codes to given clinical cases using the basic coding conventions and guidelines of the HCPCS and CPT coding systems.

Target:

At least 90% of the student will score 75% or higher on the assessment.



Technical Support:

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| Email Support: | helpdesk@coastalbend.edu cabrigo@coastalbend.edu ycharles@coastalbend.edu |
| Telephone Support: | 866-722-2838 ext. 2508 (Toll Free) 361.354.2508 (Direct Line) |
| Live Chat: | Fall/Spring Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. |

Tutoring Services: Coastal Bend College offers free tutoring services to all CBC students who need academic assistance. Services include One-on-One, Group, and Online tutoring to all current CBC students. The Tutoring Coordinator’s office is at CBC-Beeville in the Student Success Center (SSC), Room 140 which is in the R.W. Dirks building. The SSC’s hours of operation are Monday -Thursday from 8 am – 8 pm. Tutoring services are also available at all the CBC site locations and students can visit the site’s SSC. For questions regarding tutoring services, please contact the CBC Tutoring Coordinator at (361) 354-2838 ext. 2578 or visit us at our website at: <http://coastalbend.edu/tutoring/>.

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| 3800 Charco Road Beeville, TX 78102 1-866-722-2838 | 704 Coyote Trail Alice, TX 78332 1-866-891-2981 | 1814 Brahma Blvd. Kingsville, TX 78363 1-866-262-1615 | 1411 Bensdale Pleasanton, TX 78064 1-866-361-4222 |

Grady C. Hogue Learning Resource Center (Library): Located on the Beeville campus, the operation hours are Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

(Summer semesters will observe the CBC campus operation hours.) For locations and hours of CBC library in Alice, Kingsville, and Pleasanton sites please visit the library web page links below.

Grady C. Hogue Learning Resource Center (Library): <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/about>

Online Catalog : <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/catalog>

Library Website: <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/about>

Hours and Locations: <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/hours>



Pleasanton Public Library: <https://pleasanton.biblionix.com/>

115 N. Main St., Pleasanton, TX 78064

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Financial Aid: Resources are available for students for financial aid, work study, and veteran benefits. For additional information, visit our website at www.coastalbend.edu/finaid or contact us at 361-354-2238. Office hours: Monday-Thursday 7-6 and Friday 8-5 (*THECB 60x30TX compliance.*)

ADA Statement: No qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of the College District, or be subjected to discrimination by the College District. Nor shall the College District exclude or otherwise deny equal services, programs, or activities to an individual because of the known disability of an individual with whom the individual is known to have a relationship or association. 42 U.S.C. 12132; 28 CFR 35.130(g).

See at: [GA \(Legal\)](#)

Students with Disabilities: Please notify your instructor of any modification/adaptation you may require to accommodate a disability-related need. You will need to provide documentation to the Director of Student Services so the most appropriate accommodations can be determined. Specialized services are available through the Office of Disability Services (SSB 4.104, 471-6259). For more information contact (361) 354-2300.

Scholastic Dishonesty: Each student is charged with notice and knowledge of the contents and provisions of Coastal Bend College's rules and regulations concerning student conduct. All students shall obey the law, show respect for properly constituted authority, and observe correct standards of conduct. Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by Coastal Bend College Policies [FLB \(Local\)](#) and [FM \(Local\)](#). Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

Use of E-mail for Official Correspondence to students: All students should be familiar with the college's official email student notification policy. Students are expected to check their CBC email on a frequent and regular basis to stay current with college-related communications, recognizing that certain communications may be time-critical. CBC email format: last name with last four digits of social security number @study.coastalbend.edu and password is your student ID (ex. cougar1234@study.coastalbend.edu).

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Coastal Bend College, its faculty, students and employees must comply with Copyright Law. Detailed information on Copyright Law and Intellectual Property Rights is available in Coastal Bend College Policy [CT \(Legal\)](#) and [CT \(Local\)](#).

Questions regarding this information should be directed to the Director of Library Services at: library@coastalbend.edu or the Office of Marketing and Public Relations at: socialmedia@coastalbend.edu.

Intellectual Property: Student /Third Party Works: Rights to copyrightable or patentable works created by a student or a third party, that is, not a College District employee, shall reside with the author/ creator. Detailed information on Copyright Law and Intellectual Property Rights is available in Coastal Bend College Policy [CT \(Legal\)](#) and [CT \(Local\)](#).

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NOTE: The College website (www.coastalbend.edu) serves as the main source with the most current version of the Coastal Bend College Board Policies and the Coastal Bend College Catalog.

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