COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: HIT 211
Corequisites: None

This course covers application of principles and guidelines of CPT/HCPCS coding. Topics include clinical classification/nomenclature systems such as SNOMED, DSM, ICD-O and the use of encoders. Upon completion, students should be able to apply coding principles to correctly assign CPT/HCPCS codes. Course Hours per Week: Class, 1. Lab, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 2.

Note: Students must pass all Health Information Technologies (HIT) courses with a C (77% or better) to graduate from the program. No course is considered passed unless a C (77% or better) is obtained.

OUTLINE OF AHIMA KNOWLEDGE CLUSTERS COVERED IN THIS COURSE:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

a. Assign codes for principal and secondary procedures.
b. Assign procedure codes using CPT coding guidelines.
c. Assign appropriate HCPCS codes.
d. Investigate discrepancies between coded data and supporting documentation.
e. Consult reference materials to facilitate code assignment.
f. Interpret health record documentation to locate support and justification for codes.
g. Determine when additional clinical information is needed for code assignment.
h. Consult with physicians and other healthcare providers to obtain further clinical information to assist code assignment.
i. Identify patient encounter types.
j. Apply guidelines for bundling and unbundling of codes, and modifiers.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

a. The CPT manual
b. Evaluation and Management
c. Anesthesia
d. Modifiers
e. Surgery
f. Radiology
g. Pathology and Laboratory
h. Medicine
i. Category II codes and Category III codes
j. Coding Laboratory
k. Level II National Codes
l. Coding drills, laboratory
m. CPT/HCPCS coding