

# Health Information Coding Specialist

## Certificate of Applied Science Degree

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### This program is offered completely on-line.

Program Website (<http://www.gfcmsu.edu/webs/hit/hiccertificates.html>)

Health information coding is the transformation of verbal descriptions of diseases, injuries, and procedures into alphanumeric designations used for data retrieval, analysis, and claims processing.

Upon completion of the Certificate of Applied Science in Health Information Coding Specialist, students will be prepared to begin a successful career as a health information coding specialist. Students are prepared to sit for the National Certified Coding Associate exam administered through AHIMA ([www.ahima.org](http://www.ahima.org) (<http://www.ahima.org>)).

The Health Information Coding Specialist Certificate program is approved through AHIMA and the Assembly on Education.

## Outcomes

### Graduates are prepared to:

- Use computer applications and software in maintaining health information in health records.
- Research and rely on knowledge in correct medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, and disease processes.
- Identify and apply accurate diagnostic and procedural codes for reimbursement.
- Exhibit professional communication skills in oral, written, and electronic formats.
- Maintain confidentiality of health information while developing a commitment to adhering to the standards of professional integrity, honesty, and fairness.
- Interact professionally in the healthcare environment with healthcare providers, patients/clients, and the public while understanding diversity among cultures and societies.
- Apply knowledge of health information technology to solve problems while utilizing critical thinking skills.

## Estimated Cost

### Estimated Resident Program Cost\*

Tuition and Fees	\$5,298
Application Fee	\$30
Books/Supplies	\$2,435
Total	\$7,762

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Fall 2022 MUS Student Health Insurance Premiums may be changing. Please check the Health Insurance website (<http://students.gfcmsu.edu/insurance.html>) and/or Student Central for confirmed premium rates. Students will be charged an additional fee of \$21 per credit for online/hybrid courses.

## Program Requirements

Many students need preliminary math, science, and writing courses before enrolling in the program requirements. These courses may increase the total number of program credits. Students should review their math and writing placement before planning out their full program schedules.

**NOTE:** Curriculum is based on a full time schedule.

Course	Title	Credits	Grade/Sem
<b>First Year</b>			
<b>Summer</b>			
AHMS 108	Health Data Content & Structure *,+	3	_____
AHMS 144	Medical Terminology +	3	_____
BIOH 112	Human Form and Function I +	4	_____
CAPP 131	Basic MS Office +	3	_____
HTH 180	Pharmaceuticals for Health Care Providers *,+	1	_____
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>	
<b>Fall</b>			
AHMS 157	Healthcare Reimbursement Methodologies *,+	4	_____
AHMS 160	Beginning Procedural Coding *,+	3	_____
AHMS 164	Beginning Diagnosis Coding: ICD-10 *,+	3	_____
AHMS 201	Medical Science *,+	3	_____
Select one of the following:			
WRIT 101	College Writing I **,+	3	_____
WRIT 121	Intro to Technical Writing **,+	3	_____
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>	
<b>Spring</b>			
AHMS 158	Legal and Regulatory Aspects of Healthcare *,+	3	_____
AHMS 212	CPT Coding *,+	3	_____
AHMS 213	ICD-10 Coding *,+	3	_____
AHMS 285	HICS/Coding Professional Practice Experience *,+	2	_____
M 140	College Math for Healthcare (OR any math in the MUS Core) **,+	3	_____
Select one of the following:			
COMX 115	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication +	3	_____
PSYX 100	Introduction to Psychology +	3	_____
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology +	3	_____
<b>Credits</b>		<b>17</b>	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>47</b>	

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Indicates prerequisites needed.

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Placement in course(s) is determined by placement assessment.

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A grade of C- or above is required for graduation.