HIM-2130: CODING WITH CPT (CURRENT PROCEDURAL TERMINOLOGY)

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Subject Code
HIM - Health Information Management

Course Number:
2130

Title:
Coding with CPT (Current Procedural Terminology)

Catalog Description:

Credit Hour(s):
2

Lecture Hour(s):
1

Lab Hour(s):
3

Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite
BIO-2600 Pathophysiology, and concurrent enrollment in HIM-1411 Healthcare Statistical Applications & Research, or departmental approval.

I. ACADEMIC CREDIT

Academic Credit According to the Ohio Department of Higher Education, one (1) semester hour of college credit will be awarded for each lecture hour. Students will be expected to work on out-of-class assignments on a regular basis which, over the length of the course, would normally average two hours of out-of-class study for each hour of formal class activity. For laboratory hours, one (1) credit shall be awarded for a minimum of three laboratory hours in a standard week for which little or no out-of-class study is required since three hours will be in the lab (i.e. Laboratory 03 hours). Whereas, one (1) credit shall be awarded for a minimum of two laboratory hours in a standard week, if supplemented by out-of-class assignments which would normally average one hour of out-of-class study preparing for or following up the laboratory experience (i.e. Laboratory 02 hours). Credit is also awarded for other hours such as directed practice, practicum, cooperative work experience, and field experience. The number of hours required to receive credit is listed under Other Hours on the syllabus. The number of credit hours for lecture, lab and other hours are listed at the beginning of the syllabus. Make sure you can prioritize your time accordingly. Proper planning, prioritization and dedication will enhance your success in this course.

The standard expectation for an online course is that you will spend 3 hours per week for each credit hour.

II. ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

If you need any special course adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability, please notify your instructor within a reasonable length of time, preferably the first week of the term with formal notice of that need (i.e. an official letter from the Student Accessibility Services (SAS) office). Accommodations will not be made retroactively.

For specific information pertaining to ADA accommodation, please contact your campus SAS office or visit online athttp://www.tri-c.edu/accessprograms. Blackboard accessibility information is available athttp://access.blackboard.com.
III. ATTENDANCE TRACKING

Regular class attendance is expected. Tri-C is required by law to verify the enrollment of students who participate in federal Title IV student aid programs and/or who receive educational benefits through other funding sources. Eligibility for federal student financial aid is, in part, based on your enrollment status. Students who do not attend classes for the entire term are required to withdraw from the course(s). Additionally, students who withdraw from a course or stop attending class without officially withdrawing may be required to return all or a portion of the financial aid based on the date of last attendance. Students who do not attend the full session are responsible for withdrawing from the course(s).

Tri-C is responsible for identifying students who have not attended a course, before financial aid funds can be applied to students’ accounts. Therefore, attendance will be recorded in the following ways:

For in-person courses, students are required to attend the course by the 15th day of the semester, or equivalent for terms shorter than 5-weeks, to be considered attending. Students who have not met all attendance requirements for an in-person course, as described herein, within the first two weeks of the semester, or equivalent, will be considered not attending and will be reported for non-attendance and dropped from the course.

For blended-learning courses, students are required to attend the course by the 15th day of the semester, or equivalent for terms shorter than 5-weeks, or submit an assignment, to be considered attending. Students who have not met all attendance requirements for a blended-learning course, as described herein, within the first two weeks of the semester, or equivalent, will be considered not attending and will be reported for non-attendance and dropped from the course.

For online courses, students are required to login at least two (2) times per week and submit one (1) assignment per week for the first two (2) weeks of the semester, or equivalent to the 15th day of the term. Students who have not met all attendance requirements for an online course, as described herein, within the first two weeks of the semester, or equivalent, will be considered not attending and will be reported for non-attendance and dropped from the course.

At the conclusion of the first two weeks of a semester, or equivalent, instructors report any registered students who have “Never Attended” a course. Those students will be administratively withdrawn from that course. However, after the time period in the previous paragraphs, if a student stops attending a class, wants or needs to withdraw, for any reason, it is the student’s responsibility to take action to withdraw from the course. Students must complete and submit the appropriate Tri-C form by the established withdrawal deadline.

Tri-C is required to ensure that students receive financial aid only for courses that they attend and complete. Students reported for not attending at least one of their registered courses will have all financial aid funds held until confirmation of attendance in registered courses has been verified. Students who fail to complete at least one course may be required to repay all or a portion of their federal financial aid funds and may be ineligible to receive future federal financial aid awards. Students who withdraw from classes prior to completing more than 60 percent of their enrolled class time may be subject to the required federal refund policy.

If illness or emergency should necessitate a brief absence from class, students should confer with instructors upon their return. Students having problems with class work because of a prolonged absence should confer with the instructor or a counselor.

IV. CONCEALED CARRY STATEMENT

College policy prohibits the possession of weapons on college property by students, faculty and staff, unless specifically approved in advance as a job-related requirement (i.e., Tri-C campus police officers) or, in accordance with Ohio law, secured in a parked vehicle in a designated parking area only by an individual in possession of a valid concealed carry permit.

As a Tri-C student, your behavior on campus must comply with the student code of conduct which is available on page 29 within the Tri-C student handbook, available athttp://www.tri-c.edu/student-resources/documents/studenthandbook.pdf You must also comply with the College’s Zero Tolerance for Violence on College Property available athttp://www.tri-c.edu/policies-and-procedures/documents/3354-1-20-10-zero-tolerance-for-violence-policy.pdf

Outcomes
Course Outcome(s):
Apply the rules, basic principles and conventions of the CPT coding system.

Objective(s):
1. Identify the purpose and uses of CPT.
2. Use CPT guidelines to accurately assign CPT codes for pathology, laboratory and anesthesiology services.
3. Reference official coding guidelines (CPT Assistant) to support accurate coding assignment.
4. Describe the criteria used for evaluation and management service code selection.
5. Assign correct CPT codes to E/M scenarios.
6. Identify the purpose of modifiers.
7. Attach modifiers to procedures or service codes when applicable.
8. Identify current coding compliance and fraud and abuse issues.
9. State the official publication for CPT coding.
10. Distinguish between CPT, National, and Local Codes.
11. Describe the basic guidelines for linking clinical information to CPT coded services on the claim form.
12. Describe the format and organization of the CPT classification system.
13. Describe the conventions and punctuations used in CPT coding and note the functions of each.
14. Read and interpret encounter forms and/or medical record documentation to identify all services and procedures delivered.
15. Assign appropriate CPT codes for surgical services and procedures.

Course Outcome(s):
Compare and contrast CPT with ICD-10-CM.

Objective(s):
1. Identify the ICD-9-CM/HCPCS coding assignment necessary for physician services, hospital inpatients, and hospital ambulatory patients.
2. Differentiate between CMS-1500 and UB-92 forms.
3. Define and list the components of HCPCS.

Methods of Evaluation:
1. Class participation
2. Quizzes
3. Homework assignments
4. Midterm examination
5. Final examination

Course Content Outline:
1. Coding of hospital-based outpatient services
   a. Introductory information
   b. Basic coding guidelines for outpatient services
   c. Compare and contrast coding guidelines for inpatient services.
2. CPT format
   a. Historical development and sponsors
   b. Content and arrangement
   c. General principles
   d. Format and conventions
3. Basic principles for using CPT
   a. Never code directly from book
   b. Review all documentation
   c. Location of entries
   d. Using the index
   e. Using the tabular listing
4. Evaluation and management
   a. Description
   b. Range of codes
   c. Using the index
   d. Guidelines
   e. Notes
   f. Exercises
5. Medicine section of CPT
   a. Description
   b. Range of codes
   c. Using the index
   d. Guidelines
e. Notes
f. Exercises

6. Anesthesia section of CPT
   a. Description
   b. Range of codes
   c. Reporting anesthesia services to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
   d. Using the index
   e. Guidelines
   f. Notes
   g. Modifiers
   h. Exercises

7. Surgery Section of CPT
   a. Description and importance to hospitals
   b. Range of codes
   c. Using the index
   d. Guidelines
   e. Notes
   f. Modifiers
   g. Exercises

8. Radiology including nuclear medicine and diagnostic ultrasound section of CPT
   a. Description
   b. Range of codes
   c. Using the index
   d. Guidelines
   e. Notes
   f. Modifiers
   g. Exercises

9. Pathology and laboratory section of CPT
   a. Description
   b. Range of codes
   c. Using the index
   d. Guidelines
   e. Notes
   f. Modifiers
   g. Exercises

10. Level II HCPCS codes
    a. Definition
    b. Alphabetic character
    c. Using Level II HCPCS codes
    d. Modifiers used with Level II HCPCS codes
    e. Using the index to locate Level II HCPCS codes
    f. Exercises

11. Level III HCPCS Codes
    a. Definition
    b. Using Level III HCPCS in the billing process

Resources


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