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General Syllabus

OMT 2853 Medical Insurance Coding

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab Hours: 0

Prerequisite: OMT 2843 Medical Insurance and Billing

Effective Semester: Summer I 2015

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

An introduction to the basic functions of medical coding using ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM codes for the medical office environment. Students are taught the coding conventions, general coding guidelines, diagnostic coding and reporting guidelines.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Understand and apply the basic code references for medical and dental coding.
2. Understand and apply the general code matching of diagnosis, procedure, laboratory testing and the insurance coverage limitations or restrictions of major insurance carriers.
3. Understand and apply the technically correct terminology and concepts.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Students will isolate, identify and evaluate the correct information needed to identify the proper code.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

Communication Skills

Students will compose coherent documents appropriate to the intended audience. Students will effectively communicate orally in a public setting.

Technological Skills

Students will be able to use technology to access information. Students will be able to use technology to effectively communicate. Students will use appropriate technology to analyze and evaluate data.

Analytical Skills

Students will access and evaluate appropriate information through written and electronic means. Students will think critically to reach viable solutions to a problem and to justify those solutions.

Ethics

Students will apply ethical concepts and rules to determine viable alternatives in any given situation.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Insurance terminology
- B. Completing an insurance claim
- C. Procedural and diagnostic coding
- D. Billing and collection
- E. Manual and electronic claim submissions
- F. File complete insurance claims to Medicaid, Medicare, TRICARE and private insurance carriers.