Advanced Hospital Coding and CCS Preparation (CODE 130)

This Advanced Hospital Coding online course prepares students to take the American Health Information Management Association’s (AHIMA) official certification exam to become a Certified Coding Specialist (CCS). This program covers advanced ICD-9 coding procedures and is designed to help students meet the challenge of today’s changing standards while learning and improving their coding skills.

**Benefits to Your Organization**
- Increased accuracy in code selections and a smoother billing process
- Leads to Certified Coding Specialist certification
- Helps coders to stay current with the constantly changing regulations

**Course Objectives**
- Define the roles and responsibilities of a coder in an in- and out-patient facility
- Learn to interpret health record documentation using knowledge of anatomy, physiology, clinical disease processes and medical terminology
- Identify patient encounter type(s) to assign codes; etiology and manifestation(s) of clinical conditions
- Learn the current coding and reporting requirements for inpatient services
- Interpret conventions, formats, instructional notations, tables and definitions of the classification system to select diagnoses, conditions, problems, or other reasons
- Sequence diagnoses and other encounter reasons according to notations and conventions of the classification system and standard data set definitions
- Determine if signs, symptoms or manifestations require separate code assignments.
- Recognize when classification system does not provide a precise code for the condition
- Select principal diagnosis, principal procedure, complications and comorbid conditions and other significant procedures that require coding by UHDDS definitions and guidelines
- Evaluate the effect of code selection on Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) assignment
- Verify DRG assignment based on Prospective Payment System (PPS) definitions
- Understand reimbursement methodologies and documentation rules and regulations
- Analyze health record documentation for quality and completeness of coding
- Understand the differences between the hospital Inpatient and Outpatient Record
- Determine proper use of Modifiers, CPT vs HCPCS Level II codes, and Medical Necessity
- Identify the Charge Master and its components
- Understand the CPT guidelines, with special emphasis on Evaluation and Management (E&M) and surgery coding.
- Identify coding considerations and guidelines for Diagnostic tests

**Training Description and Materials**
This online course can be taken on either a Mac or a PC; however, most medical offices use PCs. The following will be provided: Faye Brown’s Coding Handbook and Workbook and a current copy of AHIMA’s Clinical Coding Workout: Practice Exercises for Skill Development to help you further prepare for the CCS Exam. Students provide their own current year CPT, HCPCS, and ICD-9-CM (Volumes I, II, and III) coding books.

**Hours and Cost**
Your Advanced Hospital Coding and CCS Preparation training course includes 80 contact hours of online training for up to 1 employee. Pricing includes training administration, instruction, and specified participant texts.

Suggested Retail Price: $1,495
(Additional participants may be available at an additional cost)

For additional information or to order this course, please contact your account manager.