

# ADAM INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

## Certified Medical Billing & Coding Program

Adam International University's vision is to open a world of education to students of all ages, both domestic and international, at an affordable cost. Students will grow personally and professionally and be better prepared for success at home, at work, and in their communities.

### Certified Medical Billing & Coding Program

The Certified Medical Billing & Coding program offers a quick, effective stepping stone to a rewarding healthcare career. With vast amounts of information passing through medical offices every day, Medical Billing & Coding Specialists keep it organized and coded, allowing doctors to be as informed as possible regarding their patients' needs. As demand for medical procedures and appropriate documentation continues to grow, Medical Billing & Coding Specialists are increasingly essential to a facility's smooth and efficient operation.

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### What is Medical Billing & Coding

Medical Billing & Coding Specialists are typically employed in a clinical setting, where lighting is good and work surfaces are clean and organized. The Specialists have little to no contact with patients, making their job more relaxed than most medical professions.

Medical Billing professionals organize and code the treatment information recorded by doctors, keeping it for the facility's records and sending it to insurance companies for payment. This could include information about symptoms, observations, treatment outcomes, or medical history. The Specialists' primary responsibilities are coding, recording and disseminating accurate patient information to ensure that it is universally understood in medical and business settings.

### Program Overview

The Medical Billing & Coding program requires only a one-year commitment of a student's time and concentration, but it promises to provide a lifetime of reward and benefit. The immediate benefit is to prepare the student to sit for a certification exam offered by either The American Academy of Professional Coders Association (AAPC) or the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

Some common course subjects taken by Medical Billing & Coding students:

- Medical Terminology
- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Data Coding and Abstraction
- Database Management
- Medical Insurance Procedures

### Benefits of the Certified Medical Billing & Coding Program

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, healthcare is the largest U.S. industry and the Medical Billing & Coding field is one of the fastest growing segments of the U.S. economy. Further, the Medical Billing & Coding industry is expected to create some three million jobs by 2016, more than any other industry. Investing in Medical Billing & Coding training and certification is indeed a wise and rock solid investment that will help:

- Validate superior knowledge and expertise in various medical coding environments
- Earn 20% more than non-credentialed coders\*
- Show credentials nationally recognized by employers, physician societies and government organizations
- Have confidence in their ability to capture lost revenue for their practice, diminish post-payment risk and protect their practice from unfavorable audit results

## Salaries of Medical Billing & Coding

Based on the 2009 Medical Coding Salary Survey of the American Association of Coding Professionals (AAPC), salaries rose 4 percent to an average of \$44,750. And even Non-certified Medical & Billing coders rose in salaries, with a 2 percent average salary gain to \$37,290.

According to Labor Bureau statistics, about 170,000 Medical Billing Specialists were employed in 2006. About 40% worked in hospitals, while the rest were employed mainly by physicians, nursing care centers, outpatient centers, and home health care services. The chart below displays typical salaries of Medical Billing and Coders employed by select health care organizations.

Hospital Outpatient	\$39,582
Consultant	\$59,518
Government Facility	\$41,924
Insurance Company	\$43,843
Multispecialty Group	\$38,962
Single Specialty Group	\$36,912
Physician Billing Service	\$36,166
Solo Practice	\$33,706

**Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2008**

## Career Outlook

The US Labor Bureau predicts an **18% increase** in the number of Medical Coding & Billing Specialists employed through the year 2016.

One reason for this demand is the growing number of medical tests, treatments performed by hospitals and clinics and new federal medical records regulations. Another factor is recent federal legislation, which has mandated that medical records be kept in electronic format. This has translated to even more demand for record-keeping personnel, especially Medical Billing & Coding Specialists.

## Individuals that Will Benefit From the Program

- Those wanting to begin a career in the healthcare profession
- Individuals with a high school diploma
- Individuals currently working in the healthcare industry



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