



CodingClarified

DETAILED PROGRAM OUTLINE

Medical coding, made clear • Professional Medical Coding Curriculum • CPC® Certification Preparation

Program Overview

Coding Clarified LLC provides a self-paced, 100% online course to prepare you to become a **Certified Professional Coder (CPC®)**. The program uses the AAPC (American Academy of Professional Coders) approved curriculum and prepares you to sit for the nationally recognized certification examination.

The course is **80 clock hours** and takes approximately 16 weeks to complete, with up to six months allowed if needed. Classes start daily and can be accessed at any time of day, seven days a week. Every student is assigned their own certified instructor.

Coding Clarified also offers an online, self-paced HCC coding internship to help students gain the coding experience employers look for, along with a professionally written resume upon completion of the course and passing of the national exam.

Course Syllabus at a Glance

Prerequisites	None
Clock Hours	80 (accounts only for time spent in the online course; does not include outside study time, which varies widely per individual)
Course Length	Self-paced; to be completed within a 4-month period or less. Enrollment begins at the date of purchase or outlined start date. No coursework completion within 60 days is subject to being dropped. Ongoing, consistent study is required for best results.
Class Hours	Online, independent self-study with no classroom meetings or required login times. Students may log in on their own schedule and email course content questions to coaching staff.
Certificate Issued	Yes — Certificate of Completion
Format	100% online, accessible 24/7, with an assigned certified instructor

Course Description

Students will learn the principles of medical coding related to the three main code books: **CPT®, the ICD-10-CM Code Set, and HCPCS Level II**. This course is recommended for anyone preparing for a career in medical coding

in a physician's office setting and strongly recommended for anyone preparing for AAPC's CPC® certification examination.

Course Objectives

- Identify the purpose of the CPT®, ICD-10-CM Code Set, and HCPCS Level II code books
- Understand and apply the official ICD-10-CM coding guidelines
- Apply coding conventions when assigning diagnosis and procedure codes
- Identify the information in the appendices of the CPT® manual
- Explain the determination of the levels of E/M services
- Code a wide variety of patient services using CPT®, ICD-10-CM, and HCPCS Level II codes
- List the major features of HCPCS Level II codes
- Provide practical application of coding operative reports and evaluation and management services

Curriculum & Clock Hours

Each chapter combines lecture, a Check Your Understanding quiz, a hands-on practical application assignment, and a chapter review exam. Clock hours per chapter are shown below and total exactly 80 hours.

Chapter	Chapter Title	Lecture	Quiz	Practical	Exam	Clock Hours
1	The Business of Medicine	1 hr	30 min	30 min	2 hrs	4 hrs
2	Anatomy & Medical Terminology	7 hrs	30 min	30 min	2 hrs	10 hrs
3	Overview of ICD-10-CM	1 hr	30 min	30 min	2 hrs	4 hrs
4	Applying the ICD-10-CM Guidelines	3 hrs	30 min	30 min	2 hrs	6 hrs
5	Accurate ICD-10-CM Coding	3 hrs	30 min	30 min	2 hrs	6 hrs
6	Introduction to CPT®, HCPCS Level II, and Modifiers	.5 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3 hrs
7	Integumentary System	1 hr	30 min	30 min	2 hrs	4 hrs
8	Musculoskeletal System	1 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3.5 hrs
9	Respiratory System	1 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3.5 hrs
10	Cardiovascular System	1 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3.5 hrs
11	Hemic & Lymphatic Systems, Mediastinum, Diaphragm	1 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3.5 hrs
12	Digestive System	.5 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3 hrs
13	Urinary System and Male Genital System	.5 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3 hrs
14	Female Reproductive System and Maternity Care & Delivery	.5 hr	30 min	30 min	1 hr	2.5 hrs

Chapter	Chapter Title	Lecture	Quiz	Practical	Exam	Clock Hours
15	Endocrine System and Nervous System	.5 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3 hrs
16	Anesthesia	.5 hr	30 min	30 min	.5 hr	2 hrs
17	Radiology	.5 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3 hrs
18	Pathology & Laboratory	.5 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3 hrs
19	Evaluation & Management Services	.5 hr	30 min	30 min	1.5 hrs	3 hrs
20	Medicine	.5 hr	30 min	30 min	1 hr	2.5 hrs
FINAL	Final Exam	—	—	—	4 hrs	4 hrs
Total Hours for Program Completion						80 hrs

Methods of Evaluation

Instructional methods include reading assignments, practice exercises and other assignments, audio/video lectures, chapter review exams, and a final exam. To receive a Certificate of Completion, students must successfully complete the course within the allotted time frame of 4 months or less (weekly extensions may be granted up to the six-month time frame from date of enrollment).

Successful Course Completion Requires

- An attempt of all required assignments
- A passing score of 80% or higher on all chapter exams
- A passing score of 80% or higher on the final exam
- An overall final course score of 80% or higher

Chapter Review Exam Policies

- Do not open a Chapter Review Exam until you are ready to take it; once opened, the entire exam must be completed in one sitting
- Students have 2 hours to complete each chapter review exam
- Each chapter should be studied thoroughly before beginning the exam
- A minimum score of 80% is required to pass each chapter review exam
- Two attempts are allowed per exam; the highest score is recorded. A retake is not required if the first attempt scores 80% or higher

Note: No reduced hours in the course or tuition discount for previous education or training will be granted.

Enrollment & Requirements

Computer Requirements

High-speed Internet connection with a Blackboard-supported operating system and web browser. For the best experience, use of a desktop or laptop device is **required**.

Course Enrollment Fee

Payment is due in full at time of enrollment unless exercising the payment plan option. Prices are variable and subject to change; see the Coding Clarified website for the most current enrollment fees.

Textbooks & Coding Manuals

1. 2026 Medical Coding Training: CPC® — AAPC publisher (ISBN-13: 978-1-626883-444)
2. 2026 CPT® Professional Edition — AMA publisher
3. 2026 ICD-10-CM Code Set — any publisher
4. 2026 HCPCS Level II — any publisher

Instructor Manuals

2026 CPT®, ICD-10-CM Code Set, CPC® Medical Coding Training Workbook

Sample Lesson Plan

Every chapter follows the same five-step structure. Example — **Chapter 15: Eye and Ocular Adnexa, Auditory Systems**:

1. **Read** — Read Book Chapter 15: Eye and Ocular Adnexa, Auditory Systems
2. **Quiz** — Complete the Check Your Understanding Quiz online
3. **Lectures** — Watch modularized interactive lectures
4. **Apply** — Complete the experiential learning through the practical applications assignment online
5. **Exam** — Complete the chapter review exam online

Description of Program Testing & Assessments

Assessments are multiple-choice with immediate scoring and rationale-based response feedback. Sample questions:

Sample Question 1

Q: What is another term for hives?

A: Urticaria

***Rationale:** Urticaria can also be described as hives and shows on the skin as raised, red, itchy wheals.*

Sample Question 2

Q: What is the correct diagnosis code to report treatment of a melanoma in-situ of the left upper arm?

A: D03.62

***Rationale:** Melanoma in-situ is not found in the Table of Neoplasms. It is necessary to look in the ICD-10-CM Alphabetic Index for Melanoma/in situ/arm or upper limb, referring you to subcategory code D03.6-. In the Tabular List, the 5th character 2 is chosen to indicate the left upper arm.*

Sample Question 3

Q: The conduction system contains pacemaker cells, nodes, the ____ and the ____.

A: Purkinje fibers and bundle of His