

Certified Coder Academy Enhances ICD-10-CM/PCS Training

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WASHINGTON, DC, September 13, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- The enhanced Certified Coder Academy ICD-10-CM/PCS Course includes a comprehensive curriculum and is conducted in a private secure learning management system. The course covers both ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS consisting of numerous lessons and quizzes categorized in direct correlation with the 22 chapters of the official World Health Organization (WHO) ICD-10 manual.

ICD-10-CM is for diagnosis coding and ICD-10-PCS is the inpatient procedure coding system (for use in U.S. inpatient hospital settings only). These coding systems will replace ICD-9-CM and be implemented on October 1, 2014. The change to ICD-10 does not affect CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) coding for outpatient procedures.

Upon completing the Certified Coder Academy ICD-10-CM/PCS course students can demonstrate knowledge and skills essential for a medical coder to be prepared to pursue American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) ICD-10-CM/PCS CEU requirements. The AHIMA CCA Exam will not be ICD-10 compliant until April 2014; and AAPC does not expect to have ICD-10 on exams until January 1st, 2015. At this time ICD-10 programs are directed at people who already hold medical coding credentials, or have verified training in ICD-9, and are usually presented as CEU (professional development) courses or exams.

Certified Coder Academy is the only online medical coding program that offers ICD-10-CM/PCS course participants unlimited access time with very affordable registration options. Joining the ICD-10-CM/PCS course is the best way for current professional certified coders and ICD-9 program students to begin gaining and introductory level understanding of the new ICD-10 coding system.

The Certified Coder Academy ICD-10-CM/PCS course introduces students to the rationale for transitioning to ICD-10-CM; the code structure and format of the new system; understanding the major similarities and differences between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM; comparing the ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting Conventions (including Infectious diseases, Neoplasms, and Diabetes mellitus); and comparing the ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM codes for several coding case studies.

The PCS section of the ICD-10-CM/PCS course will cover understanding the particulars of ICD-10-PCS; ICD-10-PCS coding structure and requirements; ICD-10-PCS organization of the system; ICD-10-PCS coding design; ICD-10-PCS additional important characteristics; applications of the ICD-10-PCS coding system; with numerous supplemental resources and references for both sections.

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The program is self-paced allowing students to participate in the course on their own schedule and they can access the course from any location with an Internet connection. Certified Coder Academy has medical coding students from around the world.

The Certified Coder Academy ICD-10-CM/PCS course is developed and administered by experienced college educators. Students benefit from experiencing a rich interactive learning environment with immediate activity tracking for lessons and quizzes, blogs, updates, messaging, and a certificate of achievement. This course offers an unlimited enrollment period and is accessible 24 hours every day from anywhere via an Internet enabled computer. Get more information about the Certified Coder Academy ICD-10-CM/PCS course at certifiedcoderacademy.com/ICD-10-Training.htm

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