

# Aiken Technical College Medical Coding Information and Application for Fall 2023

Application DUE: **May 26, 2023** for Fall 2023

You must have electronic copies of all required documents  
to attach and submit with the application!

## Program Description:

The medical coder is a health information professional trained to assign diagnostic and procedural codes, applying classification systems for optimal reimbursement in a variety of health care settings. The medical coder will establish a familiarity with other coding and classification systems utilized in nontraditional health care settings as well as reimbursement-related issues and skills including DRG assignment/validation, federal reimbursement systems and operations of third-party payers and billing departments. Students completing the program are encouraged to sit for the national certification examinations administered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and/or the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC).

## General Information

- Applicants must have submitted an **application for admission** to the College.
- Applicants must complete and submit the Medical Coding Checklist.
- Applicants must have completed all required transitional education courses with a grade of “C” or better.
- Applicants must earn a grade of “C” or better in all general education courses, within the past 10 years; MAT 101 can be taken in the fall while in the program.
- Once admitted, students must earn a grade of “C” or better in all program courses to continue.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must submit official TOEFL scores. A minimum score of 78 on the TOEFL iBT exam is required to be eligible to apply to the program. English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are strongly recommended.

## Checklist Link:

<https://na4.docusign.net/Member/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=ddd401df-8119-4b98-8c4f-10572ff934f0&env=na4&acct=d201cf56-980b-479e-8c9f-a3a99c185b87&v=2>

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## Medical Coding Curriculum

Course Prefix/Number	Course Title	Credit
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
ENG 160	Technical Communications	3
MAT 101	Beginning Algebra	3
BIO 112	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	4
AHS 102	Medical Terminology	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
HIM 102	Introduction to Coding and Classification Systems	1
HIM 135	Medical Pathology	3
HIM 138	Pharmacology for Medical Records Coding	2
HIM 235	Law and Ethics in Health Informatics and Information Management	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
HIM 130	Billing and Reimbursement	3
HIM 140	Current Procedural Terminology I	3
HIM 216	Coding and Classification, I	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
HIM 141	Current Procedural Terminology II	3
HIM 225	Coding and Classification II	3
HIM 227	Senior Professional Competencies	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Program Credit Hours</b>		<b>40</b>

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Applied for admission to the College

\_\_\_\_\_ Meet the age requirement of 18 and have a high school diploma or GED (unless participating as a dual enrollment student prior to high school graduation)

\_\_\_\_\_ Documentation of one of the following:

- Successful completion of college-level English, math, BIO 112, and AHS 102 courses with a grade of "C" or higher or acceptable test scores. (Attaching an unofficial transcript to your application is acceptable.) MAT 101 can be taken in the fall while in the program.
- All required **transitional education** courses with a grade of "C" or better. (Attaching an unofficial transcript to your application is acceptable.)

\_\_\_\_\_ List below **all** colleges attended (including ATC) and attach copies of transcripts from **all** colleges attended (including ATC). All colleges **MUST** be listed and all transcripts **MUST** be attached.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Is English your first language? If no, you **MUST** attach TOEFL scores.

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional degrees/licenses/certifications are listed and a copy is attached.

**Admission to the College does not guarantee acceptance into the HIM program. Students must reapply for entry into the program if not accepted.**

**I certify that I have completed this application truthfully to the best of my ability. I have read, understood, typed, completed, and attached all required documents. If I am found to have knowingly falsified information, my application will be disqualified. Also, if my application is incomplete, my application will be disqualified.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_