

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO A CAREER IN MEDICAL CODING!



WHAT IS MEDICAL CODING?

Medical coders play a crucial role in healthcare teams by enhancing communication among healthcare providers, patients, and insurance companies. The East Ohio College online Medical Coding program prepares aspiring medical coders with essential skills to handle electronic health records, billing, insurance claims, and other related tasks effectively.

According to the American Association of Professional Coders (AAPC), medical coders convert patient visit information into standardized codes representing the diagnosis, treatments, services, or supplies provided. Through the use of classification systems like CPT®, ICD-10-CM, and HCPCS Level II, medical coders improve communication between patients and healthcare providers. These classifications play a vital role in ensuring precise patient records and payments to healthcare providers.



ABOUT EAST OHIO COLLEGE

East Ohio College, previously known as Ohio Valley College of Technology, has been a respected educational institution in Northeastern Ohio since it was founded in 1886 in East Liverpool, Ohio. Program offerings include nursing, allied healthcare, and professional services; the college is dedicated to delivering a well-rounded educational journey to equip students for their careers.

In response to the evolving landscape of online education, East Ohio College launched East Ohio Online in 2022. This innovative platform offers a variety of healthcare and professional programs, extending educational opportunities to Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia residents. Designed for individuals balancing work, family, and academic commitments, East Ohio Online makes learning more accessible.



CORE VALUES & PURPOSE

East Ohio College focuses on hands-on education with personalized guidance from experienced faculty. The college aims to empower change by creating opportunities and upholding our core values: Work Ethic, Exemplary, Caring, Accountability, Relationships, and Excellence (WE CARE).

OUR CORE VALUES

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W **WORK ETHIC**
WE ACHIEVE SUCCESS THROUGH HARD WORK AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO OUR PURPOSE.

E **EXEMPLARY**
WE DEMONSTRATE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF INTEGRITY, ETHICAL STANDARDS, AND PROFESSIONALISM.

C **CARING**
WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS, COMMUNITIES, AND EACH OTHER, IN WAYS THAT LEAVE LASTING IMPRESSIONS.

A **ACCOUNTABILITY**
WE MAINTAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR VALUES AND OUTCOMES.

R **RELATIONSHIPS**
WE BUILD MEANINGFUL AND TRUSTED RELATIONSHIPS AS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR CULTURE.

E **EXCELLENCE**
WE EXECUTE GOALS WITH PASSION, PURPOSE, AND PERSEVERANCE, STRIVING FOR THE HIGHEST QUALITY RESULTS.

OUR PURPOSE

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To empower change by creating opportunity




ACCREDITATION & LICENSING

East Ohio College is institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) to award associate degrees and diplomas. ABHES is a national accrediting agency recognized by the US Department of Education.

East Ohio College is approved, and the programs are authorized by the Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools, – Registration Number 1555B.

East Ohio College offers some programs that are approved by the State Approving Agency for students to use veterans' benefits.



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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL CODERS

The American Association of Professional Coders (AAPC) offers valuable guidance to medical professionals in coding, billing, auditing, and similar fields, providing training and certification. Established in 1988, the AAPC has certified numerous practitioners, enriching their careers with knowledge and prestigious recognition.

The importance of acquiring an AAPC certification cannot be overstated. It signifies to employers that an individual has met nationally recognized competency benchmarks and has undergone thorough training in medical coding skills and best practices.



THE AAPC CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL CODER-APPRENTICE EXAM

Medical coding is a profession that requires a high level of precision and thorough skills training. Given the depth of knowledge needed by medical coders, their education goes beyond graduation.

After finishing the online medical coding training program at East Ohio College, students can take the AAPC Certified Professional Coder-Apprentice* exam. As a benefit of the program, the institution covers the expenses for two exam attempts.

Upon passing the exam, you will receive the CPC-A credential. The "-A" will remain until you fulfill additional education requirements through AAPC.



**Certification is contingent on passing the corresponding certification exam. Required/Included in Tuition/Fees. The Institution's most recent pass rate (2024-2025 academic year) on the Certified Professional Coders exam is 50%. See catalog for details.*



WHERE CAN A MEDICAL CODER WORK?

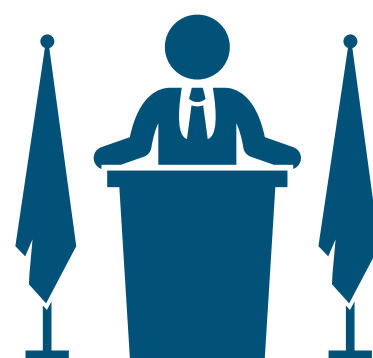
Medical coding education equips professionals with the skills and knowledge to work in a range of sectors, including but not limited to the following:



PRIVATE PRACTICES



INSURANCE COMPANIES



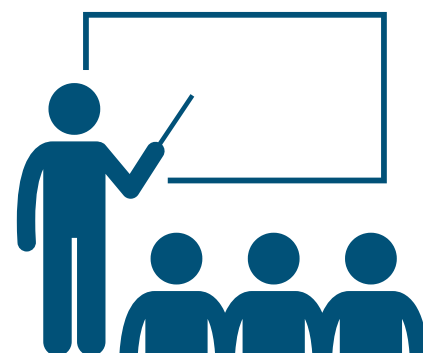
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES



HOSPITALS



LAW FIRMS



EDUCATION



BENEFITS OF EAST OHIO COLLEGE

At East Ohio College, we understand that students must balance family, work, and college responsibilities. That's why we aim to provide students with an educational experience that works with their busy lives. As an East Ohio College student, you will benefit from:

Career and Student Services

East Ohio College provides students with a comprehensive array of academic, personal, and career support services. The institution prioritizes academic achievement, personal development, and career progression and is committed to guiding students from their time as students and beyond. East Ohio alums are equipped with resources to navigate their professional paths, including ongoing career support and industry-specific refresher courses*.

**Career Management Services are subject to specific conditions and requirements and continued campus operations. Please see the [campus catalog](#) for complete details.*



BENEFITS OF EAST OHIO COLLEGE

Hands-On Training and Externship Experience

East Ohio College students will acquire essential knowledge and skills through online lectures and lab simulations developed by instructors who emphasize hands-on skill training. Additionally, they will complete an externship experience to gain medical coding experience in a real-world setting.

Accelerated Training

Through our direct admission approach, students have the opportunity to complete their medical coding training in only 18 months. These intensive courses empower students to develop vital skills, prepare for the CPC-A* exam, and promptly transition into the workforce instead of dedicating 4-6 years to their education at a traditional institution.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How to get a medical coding certification?

A: Preparation for the AAPC Certified Professional Coder-Apprentice certification* exam is included in East Ohio College's online Medical Coding program curriculum, and two exam attempts are covered in the institution's tuition cost.

Q: Where do medical coders work?

A: Because of their unique skills, medical coders have opportunities in various disciplines, including hospitals, private medical practices, insurance companies, government agencies, law firms, and more.

Q: What do medical coders do?

A: Medical coders facilitate communication between physicians, patients, and insurance companies by using a standard labeling system to organize treatment plans and diagnoses for accurate billing and health records.

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WHY CHOOSE EAST OHIO COLLEGE?

Every member of the East Ohio team is dedicated to ensuring the success of our students. Discover firsthand testimonials from East Ohio College students and graduates regarding their experiences at the institution.

"They are all so welcoming and caring here. If you have a problem, you can get an answer almost immediately. I recommend this school for your future education!"

-Haley, East Ohio College Student

"The teachers are very kind and helpful. I am very grateful to be a part of this school on my journey to the start of my career."

-Lexi, East Ohio College Student

"The online courses are made very easy to navigate and communicate with teachers! I'm thankful for EOC and the opportunities it has provided me."

-Cristina, East Ohio College Graduate



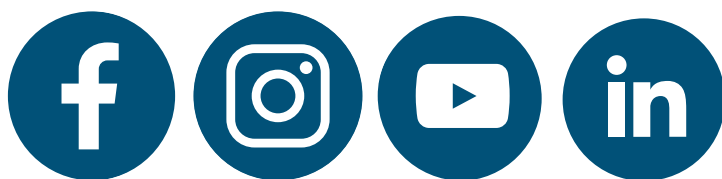
START YOUR MEDICAL CODING EDUCATION!

Medical coders play a vital role in healthcare teams and offer valuable skills to medical facilities. East Ohio College is here to help you get started in a rewarding career as a medical coder!

Ready to start your training with East Ohio College? Reach out to an admissions team member by calling 833-EASTOHIO or [Requesting Information](#) today!



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