

CANADIAN VALLEY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST



INFORMATION PACKET

CV/TECH

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ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST

Become a Certified Professional Coder (CPC) or a Certified Coding Specialist. The Medical Coding Specialist career major is designed for the student who wishes to begin working in the medical coding industry. The career major will prepare the student for employment in medical billing; which is the gateway to medical coding, as well as medical secretary, patient registration, and patient account specialist. Any person applying for admission to the Medical Coding Specialist program must meet with the career counselor before enrollment in the career major is accepted. (High school diploma or GED required)

Discuss your potential enrollment and career choices by contacting our Career Counselor at 405-345-3340.

Contact the Financial Aid Officer for information regarding financial aid at 405-422-2208.

Items to bring with you for enrollment:

- Results of the Accuplacer Assessment (call 405-422-2318 for testing appointment)
- Method of Payment
 - Financial Aid (apply online at www.fafsa.gov; school code: 009965)
Financial Aid questions? Call our Financial Aid Officer at 405-422-2208
 - Next Step Scholarship for students under the age of 24 with a high school diploma and living in district (must provide driver's license, high school diploma, and current utility bill for verification purposes)

Students with a felony or sex offender conviction may be prohibited from employment in health care facilities, and therefore need to consider a different career field. The career counselor will discuss this requirement with you.

Canadian Valley Technology Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Title IX Coordinator: ridgewayt@cvtech.edu; 504 Coordinators, 504@cvtech.edu, 405-262-2629, 6505 E Hwy 66, El Reno, OK 73036

Required Courses	Hours
Administrative Medical Technology	80
Medical Terminology	60
Anatomy	120
Medical Coding I	240
Coding for Inpatient <i>Option 1</i> Coding for Outpatient <i>Option 2</i>	240
Medical Insurance	120
Electronic Health Record	80
Capstone/Employment Readiness	60
TOTAL HOURS	1000

Approximate Costs Associated with the Medical Coding Specialist Program:

Tuition:

In-District	\$2/clock hour
Out-of-District	\$33.58/clock hour
Out-of-State/International	\$67.16/clock hour
General Enrollment Fee	\$150
Textbooks from CVTECH Bookstore, approximately	\$600

**There may be additional required costs as defined in the program handbook. Tuition, fees, career majors, courses and hours are subject to change without notice.

After 10 days of instruction no refund of tuition or fees will be made.

No refunds will be given for textbooks unless the textbook is returned in the original condition with the original Canadian Valley Technology Center receipt.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. What is the difference between a traditional program and an individualized study program?

Traditional Program – All students start and complete at the same time.

Individualized Program – Students work within their own individualized time frames, which is monitored and facilitated by faculty.

This is a non-traditional individualized program. Students must be able to attend class 8:25-3:15, Monday-Friday. Attendance is strictly enforced.

2. What advantages are there to an individualized program?

- a. Individualized instruction
- b. Open entry/open exit

3. What certifications can I earn through the Medical Coding Specialist Program?

AHIMA – Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)

AAPC – Certified Professional Coder (CPC)

**CV Tech pays up to \$350 of certification exams per student

4. Can I receive credit for previous health-related work or education?

Any student with transcribed credit can receive advanced standing under the following evaluation guidelines. Official transcripts must be provided by the student and will be evaluated by the instructor. The student must pass a “mastery” test of each specific course before advanced standing will be granted.

5. What is the average length of time in which students complete the program?

10-11 months

6. What if I have to miss class?

Students who exceed the attendance policy may forfeit the opportunity to attend the remainder of the current semester and the following semester or be completely withdrawn from the program. Adult students may lose scholarships. Those receiving financial aid/VA benefits will have to abide by federal/VA guidelines regarding attendance.

If you have additional questions, the career counselor is available at 405-345-3340.

Canadian Valley Technology Center Financial Aid

Financial Aid Offices:

Chickasha 405-222-7575

El Reno/Cowan 405-422-2208

Federal and State Assistance

Federal Pell Grant – this grant provides a “foundation” of aid, to which aid from other sources may be added. Grants do not have to be repaid.

FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGIBILITY

- A student may qualify for a Federal PELL Grant if he or she:
1. Is a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
 2. Is registered with Selective Service (males only, at least 18 years of age and born after December 31, 1959)
 3. Does not already have a B.S. or B.A. degree
 4. Has financial need as determined by the Department of Education upon Completion of the FAFSA
 5. Enrolled as a regular student in an eligible program, working toward a certificate and attending at least part-time each week
 6. Has a high school diploma, GED or a home school equivalency
 7. Has not exceeded 600% of the Lifetime Eligibility Used for PELL
 8. Is not in default on any student loan previously received and does not owe a repayment on any student grant previously received

Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant – this grant is administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and will pay towards of the tuition cost for eligible students. It is based on need and those who apply the earliest. This grant does not have to be repaid.

OTHER PROGRAMS:

- Office of Workforce Development (WIA)
- Tribal Agencies
- Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)
- Department of Rehabilitation Services (VR)
- Oklahoma National Guard Tuition Waiver
- Canadian Valley Foundation, Inc. Scholarship
- Veteran Vocational Rehabilitation (VAVR)
- Oklahoma Foundation for CareerTech

Contact information for each of these aid programs is available through the Financial Aid office. WIA, GI Bill®, Tribal Agencies, VR and VAVR will determine eligibility for their assistance.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Satisfactory academic progress is a condition of eligibility for students receiving federal financial aid in this institution. He/she must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 (C) or above and be within the attendance policy.

Satisfactory progress means that a student is proceeding in a positive manner toward fulfilling certificate requirements in a normal length of time (not to exceed 150% of published length of program). A student who fails to make satisfactory progress may be placed on warning status for up to one (1) pay period and will be denied financial aid until they are removed from that status. There is no warning status given for excessive absences.

Important Note

For complete Student Consumer Information on Title IV Financial aid, contact the Financial Aid office. Student Consumer Information contains information regarding all financial aid programs, security report and crime statistics, drug prevention program and pro-rate policy. Students may also contact the local Workforce Investment Act (WIA) representative regarding the Workforce Investment Act.

Maintaining PELL Eligibility

- Must be enrolled as a regular student in eligible certificate program (active status).
- Must have satisfactory academic performance and be within the institutional attendance policy.

PELL Grant Disbursement

The PELL Grant is awarded on basis of need (school costs and standard of living costs minus family resources) and satisfactory academic performance.

The PELL Grant will be awarded in two disbursements. Students will receive their first PELL payment on the basis of being enrolled. For every payment thereafter, students will be paid if and only if their academic performance has been satisfactory and they are within the institutional attendance policy. PELL Grant funds will be disbursed within eight weeks from payment-period beginning date.

Disbursements will be made by CVTC to students in the following manner: The eligible amount less tuition, fees, books and supplies will be disbursed, payable to the student through the fiscal office.

Return of Title IV Funds

Students receiving PELL Grant funding who withdraw, drop or fail to complete a payment period for which they have been charged, a "Return of Title IV Funds" calculation will be processed. The calculation is based on the actual percentage of the payment period the student completed. **Leave of absence does not count as completed hours.**

Students who do not complete more than 60% of the payment period may be required to return a portion of the PELL Grant funding they received to the U.S. Department of Education. The institution will also be required to return a portion of the PELL Grant funding received for tuition from the U.S. Department of Education. Students will be billed for the portion the school must return. A detailed Return of the Title IV Funds worksheet is available upon request