| Medical Coding Program (ICD Coding, CPT Coding) MED-3008ER, OST-3150IT, OST-3150CP | Daveta Strayhorn Program Coordinator, Health Information Technology dstrayhorn@forsythtech.edu | June 2025 |

Educational Preparation: Forsyth Technical Community College's Medical Coding program prepares students to translate healthcare diagnoses and procedures—using ICD-10-CM, CPT®, and HCPCS Level II—into standardized codes for billing, insurance, and statistical analysis. The curriculum also emphasizes compliance with HIPAA and other relevant regulations.

Certification and State Requirements: While medical coders are not licensed by states, employers typically require certification through organizations such as AAPC (Certified Professional Coder – CPC) or AHIMA (Certified Coding Associate – CCA). Students should verify which credential is preferred in their desired healthcare setting or geographic region.

Professional Development: Once certified, coders must earn continuing education units (CEUs) annually or biennially to maintain their credentials through AAPC or AHIMA. Forsyth Tech supports students with exam prep resources, career services, and connections to internships or externships to help launch their career.

Forsyth Tech Website   **Additional Resource (1**)   **Additional Resource (2**)

Disclaimer: It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Medical Coding Program (ICD Coding, CPT Coding) are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Medical Coding Program (ICD Coding, CPT Coding) licensure/certification.

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Alabama	✓	
Alaska	✓	
American Samoa		✗
Arizona	✓	
Arkansas	✓	
California	✓	
Colorado	✓	
Connecticut	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Delaware	✓	
District of Columbia	✓	
Florida	✓	
Georgia	✓	
Guam		✗
Hawaii	✓	
Idaho	✓	
Illinois	✓	
Indiana	✓	
Iowa	✓	
Kansas	✓	
Kentucky	✓	
Louisiana	✓	
Maine	✓	
Maryland	✓	
Massachusetts	✓	
Michigan	✓	
Minnesota	✓	
Mississippi	✓	
Missouri	✓	
Montana	✓	
Nebraska	✓	
Nevada	✓	
New Hampshire	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
New Jersey	✓	
New Mexico	✓	
New York	✓	
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota	✓	
Northern Mariana Islands		✗
Ohio	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	
Oregon	✓	
Pennsylvania	✓	
Puerto Rico		✗
Rhode Island	✓	
South Carolina	✓	
South Dakota	✓	
Tennessee	✓	
Texas	✓	
US Virgin Islands		✗
Utah	✓	
Vermont	✓	
Virginia	✓	
Washington	✓	
West Virginia	✓	
Wisconsin	✓	
Wyoming	✓	