

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College FY21 (2020-21) Medical Coding Specialist Program

The following is additional information about the WITC's Medical Coding Specialist (MCS) program.
This information supplements the program webpage and district catalog.

Degree: One Year Technical Diploma

MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST (MCS) PROGRAM - 29 credits

The MCS program is a one-year (two semester) program. Students can complete the program on a full-time or part-time basis. Students must complete 29 credits to graduate. The program is offered online, with support services available on all four of WITC's campuses (Ashland, New Richmond, Rice Lake, and Superior) with a maximum of 32 new students each year.

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ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Students have 120 days to complete the application process. Students who are considering the program must meet one of the following items:

- Minimum High School GPA of 2.1
- ACT Score of 18
- Minimum College GPA 2.0 (min 3 cr)
- Associate or Bachelor's Degree
- Accuplacer scores

Additional measures may be considered as determined by the counselor.

You will be admitted to the program, based on the date and time the above admission criteria is met.

Upon admission to the program, the student should meet with the program advisor for program orientation materials and to determine program sequencing and completion goals.

MCS COURSEWORK

When you successfully complete the admission requirements, you will be invited to begin your course work. A curriculum checklist and course descriptions are included in this packet. The following non-core classes may be taken prior to starting the program: Medical Terminology and General Anatomy and Physiology.

CLASS COMMITMENT

The MCS program can be completed at a full-time rate (in one year/two semesters), or part time (up to two years/four semesters). The average amount of time spent on course work is based on course credit hours. A full-time student should expect to spend up to 20-25 hours per week. This program requires a significant time commitment. Determining the rate at which to complete the MCS program should be considered, in addition to work and personal commitments.

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TRANSFER CREDIT

Official college transcripts must be submitted for any college coursework that has been completed. Official college transcripts must be sealed and sent from the sending institution. In order to graduate from the WITC MCS program, a minimum of 25% of the curriculum must be completed at WITC.

MCS PROGRAM STANDARDS

MCS students must complete all required courses with a 2.0 or better. Students enrolled in the MCS program may repeat only two curriculum courses, during their progress toward graduation. In addition, a MCS student may only repeat any core course once. This policy also applies to coursework taken at other colleges. For more information, refer to the "Failure/Repeat Course Policy" in the MCS Student Handbook.

COMPUTER NEEDS

Because all MCS program courses are offered online, students are required to have 24-hour access to a computer that has high speed internet access.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Full time (at least 12 credits/semester) and part time students (at least 6 credits/semester) are eligible for financial aid. In addition, scholarships are available.

GRADUATE SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Graduates earn between \$25,000 - \$60,000 annually. The most recent graduate follow-up study indicates the average yearly salary to be \$38,110.

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Checklist for Medical Coding Specialist Admission

**** All criteria in Phase 1 must be met before moving to Phase 2 ****

Phase 1: Application for Medical Coding Specialist Program

- WITC **application** including the nonrefundable \$30 application fee (fee waiver may apply if previously submitted)

- Academic **admission requirements**: Students who are considering the program must meet one of the following items:
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- Provide an **official high school transcript** or equivalent (HSED/GED). Current high school seniors must provide both a current high school transcript and a final transcript with a confer date.

- Review and sign the Functional Ability **Disclosure**

- Admissions meeting** with WITC counselor

Phase 2: Entry into Medical Coding Specialist Program

- Review and complete the Computer Skills Inventory

- Review MCS program orientation materials

- Meet with MCS program advisor to determine program sequencing and completion goals

FY21 (2020-21)**MEDICAL CODING SPECIALIST PROGRAM****Prices listed are approximate costs and subject to change**

Application		\$30.00
Textbooks (MCS occupational specific courses)		\$1,409.00
FIRST TERM - TUITION/FEES: \$2430.80		
10-501-101	Medical Terminology	\$449.40
10-530-182	Human Disease for the Health Profession	\$449.40
10-530-184	CPT Coding	\$455.40
10-530-197	ICD Diagnosis Coding	\$455.40
10-806-177	General Anatomy & Physiology	\$621.20
SECOND TERM - TUITION/FEES: \$1964.90		
10-501-107	Digital Literacy for Healthcare	\$301.10
10-530-162	Foundations of HIM	\$455.40
10-530-159	Healthcare Revenue Management	\$449.40
10-530-199	ICD Procedure Coding	\$303.60
10-530-165	Intermediate Coding	\$455.40
Certification exam (optional)		\$299.00
APPROXIMATE PROGRAM TOTAL		\$6,133.70

Computer or other required hardware purchases or upgrade costs will be discussed on an individual basis.