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UNIVERSITY OF **MONTANA** MISSOULA COLLEGE

DEGREE	Associates of Applied Science
CONCENTRATION:	Medical Information Technology Health Coding Specialty

Student ID (790):		Credits Required:	62 credits
Student Name:			
Advisor Name:			

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE		CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES
AHMS 144	Medical Terminology	x	3		
AHMS 220	Medical Office Procedures	x	4		
BIOH 104N/105	Basic Human Biology & Lab	x	4		
HIT 265	Electronic Medical Records	x	3		
COMX 115S	Introduction to Interpersonal Communications	x	3		
	TOTAL CREDITS		17		

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE		CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES
CSCI 172	Introduction to Computer Modeling	x	3		
AHMS 156	Medical Billing Fundamentals	x	3		
AHMS 252	Computerized Medical Billing	x	3		
CAPP 154	MS Word	x	3		
M115	Probability & Linear Math	x	4		
	TOTAL CREDITS		16		

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE		CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES
WRIT 101	College Writing	x	3		
AHMS 216	Pharmaceutical Products	x	3		
AHMS 270E	Medical Ethics	x	3		
PSYX 100S	Introduction to Psychology	x	3		
BGEN 215	Career Readiness	x	3		
	TOTAL CREDITS		15		

SPRING SEMESTER (Online through Great Falls College - MSU)

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE		CREDITS	GRADE	NOTES
AHMA 298	Medical Information Internship	x	3		Local Externship
AHMS 160	Beginning Procedural Coding		3		
AHMS 164	Beginning Diagnosis Coding: ICD-10		3		
AHMS 213	ICD-10 Coding		3		
	TOTAL CREDITS		12		
	DEGREE CREDITS		*60*		

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Health information coders play a critical role in accurately identifying procedures and diagnoses to ensure accurate billing and reimbursement. Students are trained to: Understand anatomy, medical terminology, and disease processes necessary to determine correct codes and sequences.
Analyze health records and to accurately abstract and code procedures and diagnoses utilizing legal and regulatory standards.
Communicate with physicians, healthcare facilities, insurance companies, and patients to ensure accurate and timely reimbursement.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates are adequately prepared for many roles, such as working in a front office with patients or behind the scenes with insurance companies and healthcare facilities. Upon graduation, students are encouraged and eligible to sit for AHIMA Certified Coding Associate (CCA) and Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) or AAPC Certified Professional Coder (CPC) certification exams to increase their employment opportunities.

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