Career and Corporate Training Pierpont Community & Technical College 500 Galliher Drive Fairmont, WV 26554



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# **AAPC Certified Professional Coder**

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# **Description**

Pierpont's Career and Corporate Training Office is excited to offer the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) Certified Professional Coder (CPC) program. This hybrid program uses a combination of online and face-to-face instruction to help prepare students for their certification exam. Upon passing the CPC exam, individuals can become professional medical coders in office settings, including physician and non-physician providers.

According to the AAPC, students who complete the program will have (2025):

- Expertise in assigning accurate CPT<sup>®</sup>, HCPCS Level II, and ICD-10-CM medical codes for diagnoses and procedures.
- Solid understanding of anatomy, physiology, and medical terminology required to correctly code professional provider services and diagnoses.
- Proficiency across a wide range of services, including evaluation and management, anesthesia, surgery, radiology, pathology, and medicine.
- A sound knowledge of medical coding guidelines and regulations including compliance and reimbursement allowing a CPC to better handle issues such as medical necessity, claims denials, bundling issues, and charge capture.
- Understanding of how to integrate medical coding and payment policy changes into a practice reimbursement process.

The Certified Professional Coding program is a total of 120 contact hours with students completing an online Fundamentals of Medicine course followed by the in-person AAPC Certified Professional Coding course. Program tuition includes instruction, textbooks, exam vouchers, and study materials. Students can sit for their certification at Pierpont's Testing Center! References

CPC Exam - Certified Professional Coder - Medical Coding Certification - AAPC

## **Location**

Pierpont's Advanced Technology Center (500 Galliher Dr. Fairmont, WV 26554)

## <u>Schedule</u>

This program is hybrid and begins with 5 weeks of online training. The course will begin meeting in-person every Tuesday and Thursday with continued online work for the rest of its duration.

#### Training cost:

\$2,200.00

#### Financial Aid

Financial aid is available for this course. Please see our website for details.

#### Minimum Requirements:

There are no prerequisites for this course.

#### **Course Materials & Supplies**

All materials and supplies are included in the cost of training.

#### **Certification**

After completion of this program, students will be prepared to sit for the AAPC CPC exam.

#### Accommodations Statement:

If you have or had an IEP or 504 Plan in high school or if you think you have a disability that might interfere with your completion of this class, contact Pierpont's Support Services for information about possible accommodations at <u>access@pierpont.edu</u> or 304-534-7878.