

Medical Coding Program(s) Alignment Summary

Activities and Decisions

1. It was agreed that there would be a “core” of courses for two separate tracks.
2. This “core” includes the following Required Support Courses: individual college-offered 3-credit Medical Terminology, a 4-8 credit Anatomy and Physiology, and a 3-4 credit Pathophysiology course. The core also includes the state aligned 3-credit Common Course titled *Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare* for a total core credit range of 13-18. All core courses are transferable among Medical Coding programs statewide.
3. **Certificate C: Physician Coding Certificate** is a certificate option that will prepare students to sit for the Certified Physician Coding (CPC) examination. This option requires the 13-18 credit core, plus courses created from a list of agreed upon statewide competencies, plus institutional specific electives, for a total up to 50 credits (course names and credits are up to the institution’s discretion. **NOTE:** All agreed upon competencies must be addressed within courses developed by the individual college. Competencies are transferable to the participating Kansas Medical Coding programs.
4. **Certificate C: Healthcare Coding Certificate** is a certificate option that will prepare students to sit for both the Certified Physician Coding (CPC) and Certified Coding Associate (CCA) examinations. This option requires the 13-18 credit core, plus courses created from a list of agreed upon statewide competencies, plus institutional specific electives, for a total up to 53 credits (course names and credits are up to the institution’s discretion. **NOTE:** All agreed upon competencies must be addressed within courses developed by the individual college. Competencies are transferable to the participating Kansas Medical Coding programs.
5. All competencies are linked to CPC and CCA Standards and Program Outcomes.

CORE		
Course Title	Credits	Notes
Medical Terminology	3	Existing college offering
A & P *may require a college-wide science prerequisite	4-8	Existing college offering
Pathophysiology	3-4	Existing college offering
Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare	3	<i>Common Course - see aligned course outcomes</i>
Total Core Credits	13-18	