# Medical Coding Program Alignment – CIP: 51.0713

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## Required Courses within Program

**Common Courses**  
- Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare  
  - 3 credits

**Support Courses**  
- Medical Terminology  
  - 3 credits
- Anatomy and Physiology  
  - 4-8 credits
- Pathophysiology  
  - 3-4 credits

**Physician Coding Specific Coursework (up to) 14 credits**

**Healthcare Coding Specific Coursework (up to) 22 credits**

Course list sequence has no implication on course scheduling by colleges.

Institutions may add additional competencies based on local demand.

Competencies identified within the Support Courses represent opportunities for articulation with K-12.

*Institutions may utilize existing like course titles for Support Courses that adhere to the agreed upon course lengths.

## Notes

Specifics pertaining to the Medical Coding Program:

1. Programs that meet American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) competencies allow completers to sit for the CPC (Certified Professional Coder) credential examination. Programs that meet the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) competencies allow completers to sit for either the CCA (Certified Coding Associate) or the CPC credential examinations.

2. The Common and Support Courses will be transferrable among institutions offering Medical Coding programs.

3. The Support Courses will provide the necessary basics to partially prepare for the ICD-10 coding requirements.

4. The Kansas WORKReady! Certificate (Silver-Level) is an encouraged credential.

5. Colleges are encouraged to pursue AHIMA approval.