

GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT (GE) INFORMATION
FOR

Medical Coding Specialist Certificate

1) The following links will provide general information that is available on the Crowder College website describing the general nature of the program, academic information or admission information:

a) General information – <http://www.crowder.edu/business/>

b) The program of study can be found in the College catalog. The index at the end of the catalog can be used to locate each program.

http://www.crowder.edu/CATALOGS/catalog_2011_2012_20110407.pdf

c) Admissions information – <http://www.crowder.edu/student-services/admissions/index.php>

2) This program prepares students to enter the following occupations (by name and SOC code).

a) The Occupational Network (O*Net) has developed an online database that analyzes hundreds of occupations in terms of the tasks that they perform, the tools and technologies that are used in that occupation, the educational requirements of that program and wage and employment trends for the program at the state and national level. You can access this data base online at:

O*NET Online - <http://www.onetonline.org/>

You can search for a specific occupation by entering key words (e.g. CNA or Wind) or by using the SOC code (Standard Occupational Classification) in the Occupation Search dialog box.

b) Here are O*NET links to two occupations that are especially relevant to Crowder's geographic region:

29-2071.00 [Medical Records and Health Information Technicians](#) 🌟

43-6013.00 [Medical Secretaries](#) 🌟

3) The anticipated costs for this program include the following:

- a) This program will require 31 credits of college course work and will normally take three semesters to complete. Tuition rates and fees will depend on your legal residency: in-district, out-of-district and out-of-state. The current tuition rates and fees can be found in the online catalog:

Tuition rates and fees - <http://www.crowder.edu/about/tuition-rates.php>

Additional fees include:

- Facility use fee - \$12/crhr
- Online fee - \$14/crhr (this fee applies to courses taken via the internet)
- Flex fee - \$7/crhr (this fee applies to courses that have some internet-based instruction and some face-to-face instruction)
- Special laboratory or clinical fee – Professional Liability Insurance for Clinical Application Experience course.
- Books and supplies – An estimate of average per semester costs of books and supplies for the program is approximately \$435.00. This is a net cost based on a 60% buy-back refund from the book store.
- Technical Skills Assessment (TSA) – Not Applicable.
- Certification or Licensure examination – Certified Coding Associate(CCA) CCA Certification Examination Registration Fee and CCA Examination Preparation Book provided by American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) cost \$251.95 for AHIMA members.

<https://www.ahimastore.org/ProductDetailPackageBundles.aspx?ProductID=14588>

The student is required to prepare and sit for the national certification examination as part of their HIT 285 course during their final semester. By our students obtaining the CCA credentials, they exhibit a level of commitment, competency, and professional capability for medical coding that will make them more marketable for employment over a non-credentialed medical coder.

<http://www.ahima.org/certification/cca.aspx>

The American Health Information Management Association is the licensing body for the CCA certification examination and determines all costs related to the certification. Crowder College does not control the cost of the exam nor items used to prepare for the examination.

For example, based on the 2011-2012 catalog, an in-district student who took

31 credits during the year, 31 of which were online, would incur the following tuition, fee and other expenses:

Tuition	31cr @ \$73/cr	\$2263
Facility use fee	31cr @ \$12/cr	\$372
Online fee	31cr @ \$14/cr	\$434
Books & supplies		\$1292
Special laboratory/clinical Certification Fee		\$251.95

- b) Room & board – On-campus residence is not required for this program. For information on Housing go to: <http://www.crowder.edu/student-services/student-local-housing.php>
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- 4) Job placement rates for students completing the program – We have provided a link to data that details the success of our graduating students in finding employment relevant to the various GE programs.

<http://www.crowder.edu/gainfulemployment.php>