

Medical Coding: QCI approves AMCI courses

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Medical coding is one of the fastest-growing out-source business industry in India requisitioning trained and qualified coders. However, currently very few healthcare firms are adequately staffed with trained medical coders. The most common reason for this is lack of qualified candidates. In the United States only 49 per cent employers currently have adequate number of medical coders.

Medical coding is the practice of translating written documentation containing diagnosis and procedures into universally accepted medical code numbers. The diagnosis and procedures are usually taken from a variety of sources, such as physician's notes, laboratory reports, radiologic reports, et al.

In other words, medical coding converts diagnosis process into ICD-9 (Inter-

national Classification of Disease) codes or ICD-10 codes and procedure into CPT (Current Procedure Terminology) codes. It also involves HCPC (pronounce as Hick-Pick) codes that identify supply of drugs. Medical Coding is basically classified into three types i.e.

- International classification of disease (ICD)
- Current procedural terminology (CPT) and
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPC)

Medical coding as a profession requires a lot of accuracy that comes with practice. A sound knowledge of human anatomy and biology is very essential for performing a medical coder. Who can do medical coding? Are there eligibility criteria for the profession of Medical coding?

In most of the cases a bachelor's degree in any life sciences stream, such as Biotechnology, Micro-

biology, Botany, Zoology, Physiotherapy, B Pharma, BDS etc, is a must. Medical coding is basically the outsourcing of the work that we do for US healthcare industry.

A qualified medical coder can be expected to earn an attractive package in the US. Hence, a certificate in medical coding can lay down the foundations for a variety of positions such as Coder, Documentation and Coding specialist, Benefits Coordinator etc. Medical coders with experience and certifications are highly paid compared to other life science and paramedical jobs.

Here comes the role of Academy of Medical Coders India, IGMPI (Contact Info: info@igmpiindia.org /+91 8130924488). IGMPI provides an opportunity to be certified by offering its high profile multi-tiered programme to cater to the needs of knowledge intensive life science and healthcare industry by

training them through exhaustive industry oriented curriculum.

Academy of Medical Coders India (AMCI) is a constituent academy of Institute of Good Manufacturing Practices India (IGMPI), registered as a non-profit society (under The Societies Registration Act, 1860) with the Government of India. It is also a member (as a higher/professional Education Institute) of Quality Council of India (QCI), an autonomous body and an accreditation authority for education and vocational training providers under the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

The academy is dedicated for to provide education and training, news updates through newsletters covering national and international news and analysis on all aspects of medical coding. As a global training provider, it is

guided by brilliant, dynamic faculty members trained in various top healthcare industries possessing cutting edge technical expertise/skills and dedicated to teaching and research allowing new industry integrated programmes in medical coding.

On offer from the academy are training programmes in medical coding which are approved and certified by Quality Council of India (QCI), Government of India. Diploma courses offered by AMCI are: Executive Diploma in Medical Coding (Part Time), Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Coding (Distance cum e-learning), Executive Diploma in Medical Coding (Distance cum e-learning) and CPC Examination Training.

After completing the training and certification person will find tremendous rise in career options and excellent opportunities to enhance their professional carrier.