# Virginia Western Community College
# HIM 254
# Adv. Coding and Reimbursement

## Prerequisites
HIM 253, HLT 143, and HLT 144

## Course Description
Focuses on the applications and evaluation of advanced coding skills through practical exercises using actual healthcare data; while examining the components of DRGs, APCs and APGs and other prospective payment in the healthcare environment. Utilizes current coding standards in identifying payment methodologies, revenue cycle management and reimbursement.

## Semester Credits: 4 Lecture Hours: 4 Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

## Required Materials

**Textbook:**
- *Step-by-Step Medical Coding* ebook access code, textbook, and workbook package 2018 Edition, by Carol J. Buck  ISBN: 9780323568999 OR 2018 Edition textbook ISBN: 9780323430791; AND 2018 workbook ISBN: 9780323430814
- CPT Professional Edition 2018 spiralbound ISBN: 978-1-62202-600-5 or CPT Professional Edition 2018 ebook ISBN: 978-1-62202-601-2
- HCPCS 2018 Level II Codebook- spiral bound ISBN: 978-1-62202-612-8 or HCPCS 2018 Level II Codebook – ebook ISBN: 978-1-62202-613-5

**Other Required Materials:**
none

## Course Outcomes

**At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

1. Identify steps in thorough record review for complete and correct coding.
2. Understand the basis for CPT, HCPCS and ICD-10-CM coding and how they relate to claim billing and reimbursement for provider services.
3. Understand CPT and HCPCS rules and guidelines related to coding services.
4. Have a general knowledge of researching coding guidelines and billing rules on the internet.  Such as NCCI edits, Medicare local coverage determinations and others that affect the coding and billing of services.

## Topical Description

**Tentative Class Schedule and Calendar:**

(Schedule follows the Step-by-Step Medical Coding Manual and Workbook)

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| Intro to class, Safety Issues, (campus safety video) <br><br> • **Chapter 13 -** Step By Step Manual & Workbook: Intro to the CPT Manual, Intro to Coding Text books |
| • **Chapter 14** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook: Modifiers, <br> • Begin discussion of Evaluation and Management (Chapter 15) |
| • **Exam Chapter 13 and 14** |
| • **Chapter 15** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook: Evaluation and Management Services |
| • **Exam Chapter 15** |
| • **Chapter 16** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook: Anesthesia |
| • **Chapter 17 -** Step By Step Manual & Workbook: Surgery Guidelines and General Surgery |
| • **Exam Chapter 16 and 17** |
| <br><br> • **Chapter 18** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook: Integumentary |
| • **Chapter 19** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook Musculoskeletal System |
| • **Chapter 20** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook Respiratory System |
| • **Exam Chapters 18, 19 and 20** |
| • **Chapter 21** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook Cardiovascular System |
| • **Chapter 22 -** Step By Step Manual & Workbook Hemic, Lymphatic, Mediastinum and Diaphragm |
| • **Chapter 23**- Step By Step Manual & Workbook Digestive System |
| • **Exam Chapters 21,22 and 23** |
| • **Chapter 24** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook Urinary and Male Genital System |
| • **Chapter 25** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook Reproductive, Intersex Surgery, Female Genital, Maternity |
| • **Chapter 26** - Step By Step Manual& Workbook Endocrine and Nervous System |
| • **Chapter 27** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook Eye, Ocular Adnexa, Auditory and Operating Microscope |
| • **Exam Chapters 24, 25, 26, and 27** |
| • **Chapter 28** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook Radiology Section |
| • **Chapter 29 -** Step By Step Manual & Workbook Pathology/Lab Section |
| • **Chapter 30** - Step By Step Manual & Workbook Medicine Section and HCPCS coding |
| • **Exam Chapters 28,29,and 30** |
| • **Catch Up** |
| Final Exam |

## **Notes to Instructors**

1. Our main area of concentration will be to focus on how you, as a future coder, will best be able to determine the most appropriate code to apply to the procedure performed.

2. We will learn about the importance of sequencing codes and the correct use of modifiers.

3. A continued inclusion of ICD 10 diagnosis codes on every exam.

4. We will discuss the impact of managed care on the healthcare industry.

5. We will discuss ethical issues in prospective payment and how it relates to coding.

6. The exams will be timed in order to prepare you for the National Certification Board Exam.