

## Careers

The medical coder/abstractor/biller works in health record services located in hospitals, nursing homes, ambulatory care facilities, insurance companies, and governmental agencies. The coder/abstractor/biller is trained in the following functions normally performed by a health record service: analyzing and technically evaluating health records and reports; compiling, interpreting, and utilizing hospital and health care statistics; coding symptoms, diseases, and operations according to recognized classification systems; and abstracting and retrieving medical information. This is one of the few health occupations in which there is little or no direct contact with patients. Because accuracy is essential in their jobs, technicians must pay close attention to detail.

## Salary

Median annual earnings of medical records and health information management technicians were \$25,590 in 2004. Median annual earnings in the industries employing the largest numbers of medical records and health information management technicians in 2004 were as follows: general medical and surgical hospitals, \$26,640; nursing care facilities, \$26,330; outpatient care centers, \$23,870; offices of physicians, \$22,130.

## Job Outlook

Employment of medical records and health information management technicians is expected to grow much faster than average for all occupations through 2014 because of rapid growth in the number of medical tests, treatments, and procedures that will be increasingly scrutinized by health insurance companies, regulators, courts, and consumers.

## Education & Training Options

Montgomery College offers a 34-hour certificate upon successful completion of the coursework. All students must complete HI-designated courses within the three years prior to graduation. HI-designated courses not meeting this time requirement must be retaken, or the student must test out in current course content.

## ■ Certificate

A certificate recognizes successful completion of a sequence of courses that focus on the development of specific technical skills.

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# Medical Coder/ Abstractor/Biller Curricula

## Medical Coder/Abstractor/Biller Certificate (T): 218

BI	204	Human Anatomy and Physiology I*	4
BI	205	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
EN	101	Techniques of Reading and Writing I	3
HI	103	Assembly and Analysis and Alternate Health Care Delivery	2
HI	125	Medical Terminology I	2
HI	126	Medical Terminology II	2
HI	135	Concepts of Disease	3
HI	200	ICD Coding	4
HI	213	CPT Coding	2
HI	214	Introduction to Pharmacology	1
HI	220	Advanced Coding and Reimbursement	3
HI	221	Ambulatory Coding	2
HI	222	Electronic Patient Billing	2

**Total credit hours 34**

\* Students should check the prerequisite for BI 204.