Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Does this class include the certification exam?**

   Answer: Yes, it includes the Certified Professional Coder exam, through the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC). It is administered on the final day of the class.

2. **Who is the target audience for this class?**

   Answer: This class is designed for medical office professionals with 1 or more years of experience. It is a fast-paced class that includes national certification.

3. **What are the prerequisites for this course?**

   Answer: Successful completion of the Medical Office Professional course or prior medical office/coding experience.

4. **Is a high school diploma or GED required?**

   Answer: No, not to take the class. However, some certification agencies require high school graduation or GED, and most healthcare employers require high school graduation or GED.

5. **Is the text book included?**

   Course materials are included, but you will need to bring your current editions of CPT, ICD-9-CM Vols I & II, HCPCS manuals, and a medical dictionary. These books are also available in our bookstore in you need to purchase them.

6. **I have no previous experience in medical coding. Will I be able to successfully complete this class?**

   Answer: This class is designed for medical office professionals with 1 or more years of experience, and is very fast-paced. Individuals without experience may need to spend additional time studying.

7. **Is a criminal background check or drug test required?**

   Answer: No, not for this class. However most healthcare employers require a criminal background check and drug test prior to employment.

8. **If I complete this class, will I be able to get a job?**

   Answer: Your ability to get a job stems from your total presentation of skills, experience, education, and personal characteristics. As a continuing education student at San Jacinto College, you have access to the college Career and Employment Center, located on each campus.

9. **What is the requirement to successfully complete the class?**

   Answer: You must successfully complete all coursework, including exams, homework, and quizzes. Because this class is fast-paced, attendance in class is critical to successful completion, and passing the certification exam.

10. **I have several years of experience in medical coding, but I am not certified. Should I take this class?**

    Answer: This class is fast-paced and includes a national certification exam, making it a convenient way to gain certification. You will also learn the most up-to-date information so you can code with confidence.

11. **Do you have a Payment Plan for this class?**

    Answer: You may be able to use the Convenient Payment Plan (CPP) for this class. The CPP requires that you pay 50% when you register, plus a $25 service fee. The remaining 50% is paid in 2 later payments as required by the college Business Office. Please check with the appropriate registration office for details. Additionally, there may be grant funding available. Check out this link for current San Jacinto College Grants: http://cpd.sanjac.edu/funded-training.