

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: HIM 253 **Credits:** 5

Course Title: Health Records Coding

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)

Examines the development of coding classification systems. Introduces ICD-9-CM coding classification system, its format and conventions. Stresses basic coding steps and guidelines according to body systems. Provides actual coding exercises in relation to each system covered. Prerequisites: NAS 150, HLT 143. Prerequisites or corequisites: HIM 110, NUR 136. Lecture 4 hours. Laboratory 3 hours. Total 7 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

This course is designed to provide the student with a general working knowledge of ICD-9-CM system and basic guidelines for coding health records.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisites: HLT 143, NAS 150
Pre or Corequisites: HLT 220, NUR 136

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Understand the history of nomenclature
- b. Use ICD-9-CM conventions and formats
- c. Utilize basic coding guidelines

Major Topics to be Included

- a. History of nomenclature
- b. Introduction to ICD-9-CM classification system
- c. Government reporting requirements-UCDS/UHDDS
- d. Basic coding guidelines
- e. Coding exercises

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): January 2, 2008