

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

Course Prefix and Number: HIM 254

Credits: 4

Course Title: Advanced Coding and Reimbursement

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

Stresses advanced coding skills through practical exercises using actual medical records. Introduces CPT-4 coding system and guidelines for out-patient/ambulatory surgery coding. Introduces prospective payment system and its integration with ICD-9-CM coding. Prerequisite: HIM 253. Corequisite: HIM 295, Coordinated Practice for Advanced Coding. Lecture 4 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

This course is designed to provide the student with a general working knowledge of CPT-4 coding and advanced ICD-9-CM coding.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisite: HIM 253

Corequisite: HIM 295

Course Objectives

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

- a. Apply knowledge of coding principles and skills through advanced coding exercises
- b. Demonstrate advanced coding skills
- c. Describe a CPT-4 system and out-patient coding requirements
- d. Describe DRGs and the Prospective Payment System
- e. Demonstrate satisfactory performance on actual medical records

Major Topics to be Included

- a. DRG's and prospective payment system
- b. Introduction to CPT-4 classification system
- c. Outpatient coding guidelines
- d. Advanced coding exercises
- e. Practical medical record coding assignments

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