Articulation Agreement between Shoreline Community College's Health Information Technology AAS Degree Program and Edmonds Community College's Medical Billing and Coding Certificate Program

The parties to this Articulation Agreement are EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 20000 68th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA 98036, hereinafter referred to as "EdCC" and the SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 16101 Greenwood Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133, hereinafter referred to as "SCC".

Shoreline Community College's Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM) department offers a two-year Associate in Applied Arts and Science Degree in Health Information Technology (HIT). Graduates of the HIT degree develop the knowledge and skills to collect, manage, analyze, and deliver health care records and information are eligible to sit for the RHIT (Registered Health Information Technician) exam. Health Information Specialists must adhere to health care standards, government regulations, and professional ethics. Graduates work in a variety of settings including hospital inpatient acute care, long term care, clinics, mental health, home health, hospice, rehabilitation centers, government and other agencies. Positions include inpatient and outpatient coders in hospitals and clinics, release of medical information technicians, cancer registrars, medical information abstractors, quality improvement assistants, and health information managers. To earn the Associate in Applied Science Degree, students must complete the Health Information Technology coursework, as well as meet the college-specific general education requirements.

Shoreline HIIM also offers a Medical Coding and Reimbursement Specialist certificate. Graduates of this program are eligible to write the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) Certified Coding Specialist - Physician's Office (CCS-P) examination or the entry level Certified Coding Associate (CCA) for hospital inpatient coding. They are also eligible to write the American Academy of Professional Coders Certified Professional Coding (CPC and CPC-H) examinations. The AHIMA mastery-level Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) examination is also available, although it is recommended that individuals do inpatient coding in the hospital setting for several years before taking this advanced credential.

Edmonds Community College's Medical Billing and Coding Certificate program requires a minimum of 44 credits and is for those who seek billing and coding careers in health care and insurance settings, as well as those currently employed in health care who seek additional training. Graduates of this program are eligible to write the American Health Information Management Association's (AHIMA) Certified Coding Specialist - Physician's Office (CCS-P) examination or the American Academy of Professional Coders Certified Professional Coding (CPC) examination.

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This agreement is made with the intention of articulating EdCC's Medical Billing and Coding Certificate into SCC's Health Information Technology program, thereby allowing EdCC students to complete the remaining HIT program coursework leading to the AAS degree, and to be eligible to write for the RHIT examination.

Each partner assumes responsibility for informing their students of curricular revisions that would impact student planning and degree completion. Either party may terminate or suspend this Agreement for convenience upon six (6) months written notice, provided that the parties shall discuss and reasonably attempt to resolve the issues that led to the notice of termination or suspension during the 180-day period. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, any students who have applied for transfer from EdCC to SCC prior to or during the six (6) month period shall be treated as if this Agreement continues to be in effect.

Admission to SCC is not guaranteed. Prospective students shall apply for admission to SCC in accordance with the then-existing rules, policies, and procedures of SCC.

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No waiver, consent, modification or change of terms of this agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties. Such waiver, consent, modification, or change, if made, shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given. There are no understandings, agreements or representations, oral or written, not specified herein regarding this agreement.

Additional information about SCC's Health Information Technology program is available at https://www.shoreline.edu/virtual-campus/hiim, and information about EdCC's Medical Coding Program is available at http://catalog.edcc.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=52&poid=10458&returnto=14797

Course Equivalencies for SCC Health Information Technology Program

SCC HIIM COURSES	EdCC MEDICAL CODING COURSE EQUIVALENTS
HIIM 125 Hospital and Clinic Patient Records – 5 credits	BSTEC 206 - Introduction to Electronic Health Records – 5 credits
HIIM 134 Medical Terminology – 5 credits	BSTEC 104 - Medical Terminology – 3 credits + BSTEC 116 - Pathophysiology/Advanced Medical Terminology – 5 credits
HIIM 154 Medical Reimbursement – 5 credits	BSTEC 106 - Medical Billing- 5 credits
HIIM 170 Legal Aspects of Health Care – 4 credits	BSTEC 115 - Medical Law and Ethics – 3 credits
HIIM 172 CPT Coding – 5 credits	BSTEC 218 - Medical Coding 2 – CPT – 5 credits
HIIM 174 Pharmacology – 3 credits	BSTEC 153 – Pharmacology – 2 credits

Total Credits Articulated: 27

HIIM Courses Remaining for HIT AAS:

HIIM 120 Survey of Health Care Delivery - 4
HIIM 171 Basic ICD-10 Coding – 5
HIIM 173 Intermediate Medical Coding – 5
HIIM 175 Human Disease - 5
HIIM 219 Statistics in Health Care – 4
HIIM 225 Computers in Health Care – 5
HIIM 220 Quality Improvement in Health Care –5
HIIM 226 Alternative Care Records – 4
HIIM 228 Medical Coding Practicum – 2
HIIM 233 Prep for PPE - 1
HIIM 234 Professional Practice Experience –4
HIIM 224 Management for Health Information Supervision – 5
HIIM 235 HIT Capstone – 4
HIIM 238 Health Data Management - 5

Total Additional HIIM Credits: 58

Additional Program Specific Courses:

SCC HIIM PROGRAM COURSES	EdCC COURSE EQUIVALENTS
BUSTC 150 Excel – 5	BSTEC 224 Excel - 5
Multicultural Issues – 3-5	N/A

Total Additional Credits: 8-10

Program Prerequisites:

SCC HIIM PREREQUISITE COURSES	EdCC COURSE EQUIVALENTS
BIO& 170 Human Biology – 5	BIOL 175 or AHE 110 The Human Body: Structure and Function - 5
ENGL& 101 English Composition - 5	ENGL& 101 English Composition - 5
Math& 146 Intro to Statistics (or equivalent placement)	Math& 146 Intro to Statistics (or equivalent placement)

Total Prerequisite Credits: 15

Total of All Credits Remaining for AAS degree in HIT: 60 +

For Edmonds Community College:

(signature)   Date: 6/11/19

Charlie Crawford, Executive Vice President, Instruction

For Shoreline Community College:

(signature)   Date: 6/14/19

Aparna Sen, Dean, Health Occupations/PE Division

(signature)   Date: 6/17/19

Bayta L. Maring, Acting Vice President for Student Learning