

Certified Professional Coder

Associated Industries: Architecture and Construction | Business, Management, & Administration | Education & Training | Health Science | Human Services | Law & Public Safety | Marketing, Sales, & Service | Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Description and Labor Market Information

Certifies expertise in assigning accurate medical codes for diagnoses, procedures, and services, understanding of how to integrate medical coding and payment policy changes, sound knowledge of coding guidelines and regulations to meet compliance requirements, and a thorough grasp of anatomy, physiology, and medical terminology to comprehend clinical documentation and code descriptors.

This credential was associated with 34 occupations that were identified as well-paying and in demand. Overall, those occupations represent 91,577 positions with 10,512 annual openings within the state and median hourly earnings of \$28.73.

Sample Occupations

Medical Records and Health Information Technicians

Median Hourly Earnings: \$22.60
 Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: Postsecondary nondegree award
 Total Positions: 728
 Annual Job Openings: 55

Billing and Posting Clerks

Median Hourly Earnings: \$19.76
 Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
 Total Positions: 1,282
 Annual Job Openings: 148

First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers

Median Hourly Earnings: \$27.10
 Typical Entry Level Education Requirement: High school diploma or equivalent
 Total Positions: 7,596
 Annual Job Openings: 825

Certifying Entity Information

American Academy of Professional Coders
Website: www.aapc.com
Phone: (800) 626-2633
Local Availability:
 Online

Exam Details

Age Requirement: N/A
Coursework/Hours to Complete: None
Length of Certification Validity: 4 years
Exam Cost: \$299 online, \$399 in person
Exam Time: 5 hours, 40 min.
Number of Questions: 150
Pass Rate: N/A

PROMISING CREDENTIALS IN HAWAII

This project has been a joint effort between Kamehameha Schools, the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, University of Hawaii P-20, and the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation.

Students in Hawaii can earn hundreds of industry-recognized credentials right now. Thousands of students are investing time and resources to achieve these credentials with the hope they will lead to a career that enables them to live and thrive in Hawaii. But how effective are these programs at preparing Hawaii students for future careers and long-term success?

Promising Credentials in Hawaii, a first-of-its-kind analysis for our state, looks at whether the credentials students can earn actually matter in the real world to local employers.

Through intensive labor market analysis and outreach to local Hawaii businesses, this project has identified **137 Promising Credentials** that are associated with in-demand, living wage occupations throughout the state. The process began with identifying **274 Promising Occupations** that met wage and demand thresholds. A list of corresponding credentials for the 274 occupations was then compiled using job postings data. Finally, Hawaii employers from across the state completed surveys and participated in focus groups to narrow the list of nearly 2,000 credentials down to the 137 credentials they say matter most when making hiring and promotion decisions.

The resulting Promising Credentials were identified as relevant in hiring and promotional decisions for multiple in demand and well-paying occupations within the state. A detailed one-page summary of each of these Promising Credentials has been organized for student, school, and community use.

The comprehensive report and associated data can be found at www.HawaiiCareerPathways.org.