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## **General Syllabus**

### **OMT 2853 Medical Insurance Coding I**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

#### **I. Course Information**

##### **A. Catalog Description**

An introduction to the basic functions of medical coding using ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM codes for the medical office environment. Students are taught coding conventions, general coding guidelines, diagnostic coding and reporting guidelines.

##### **B. Additional Information - None**

#### **II. Student Learning Outcomes**

##### **A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand and apply the basic code references for medical and dental coding.
2. Apply the general code matching of diagnosis, procedure, laboratory testing and the insurance coverage limitations or restrictions of major insurance carriers.
3. Utilize technically correct terminology and concepts in all communications.

##### **B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

###### **Analytical Skills**

**Critical Thinking Skills-** Students will isolate, identify and evaluate the correct information needed to identify the proper code.

###### **Ethical Decision Making**

Students will apply ethical concepts and rules to determine viable alternatives in any given situation.

### **III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Insurance terminology
- B. Completing an insurance claim
- C. Procedural and diagnostic coding
- D. Billing and collection
- E. Manual and electronic claim submissions
- F. File complete insurance claims to Medicaid, Medicare, TRICARE and private insurance carriers.