

Executive Summary Medical Coding Program Alignment

The Medical Coding Program Alignment was approved by the Kansas Board of Regents during its meeting on March 16, 2011. Barton has one year to complete the alignment process. Since the one year implementation date falls within the spring 2012 semester, program implementation does not have to occur until the fall 2012 semester. Barton's Medical Coding Program will implement alignment changes beginning fall 2012.

The Medical Coding Alignment allows for two different end points as listed below:

1. Certificate C (Physician Coding Certificate) – Minimum 45 credit hours
2. An AAS degree with a maximum of 65 credits for state funding
 - a. The AAS degree requires 15 credit hours of General Education (Minimum)
 - b. Certificate C Requirements

Common Courses within Program – 3 Credits

The following courses are required for the state's program alignment. The outcomes and competencies are not subject to change.

- Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare – 3 credits

Required Support Courses – 10 -15 Credits

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- Medical Terminology - 3 credits
- Anatomy and Physiology – 4 to 8 credits
- Pathophysiology – 3 to 4 credits
 - Institutions may utilize existing like courses which adhere to the agreed upon course lengths and competences

Physician Coding Specific Coursework (up to) 14 credits

Barton's Medical Assistant Program will be pursuing the following:

- A Certificate C comprised of 47 credit hours
 - See attached draft template
- An AAS Degree comprised of 65 credit hours
 - See attached draft template

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