# Health Sciences Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs)
## Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Interventional Radiology Coding

| Total number of units: 34 units | Top Code/Academic Plan: 1223.00 | Updated on September 2, 2021 |
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| Semester 1 | Course Code | Course | Units | Notes | Advising Notes |
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| Program Course | HTHTEK 216 | **Physiology 6** | **6** | | |
| Program Course | HTHTEK 133 | **Medical Terminology** | **3** | | |
| Program Course | HTHTEK 100 | **Introduction Health Information Technology** | **3** | | |
| Program Course | CAOT 082 | **Microcomputer Software Survey in the Office** | **3** | | |

**Total Units     15**

| Intersession | Course Code | Course | Units | Notes | Advising Notes |
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| Program Course | HTHTEK 106 | **Hospital Ethics and Law** | **2** | Has a prerequisite. | |
| Program Course | HTHTEK 134 | **Introduction to Pathology** | **3** | Has a corequisite. | |
| Program Course | HTHTEK 108 | **Introduction to Pharmacology** | **1** | Has a corequisite. | |

**Total Units     6**

| Semester 2 | Course Code | Course | Units | Notes | Advising Notes |
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| Program Course | HTHTEK 103 | **Introduction to Basic Coding** | **3** | Has a prerequisite. | |
| Program Course | HTHTEK 215 | **Advanced Inpatient Coding and Abstracting** | **3** | Has a prerequisite. | |

**Total Units     6**

| Intersession | Course Code | Course | Units | Notes | Advising Notes |
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| Program Course | HTHTEK 110 | **Ambulatory Care Coding** | **3** | Has a prerequisite. | |

**Total Units     3**

| Semester 3 | Course Code | Course | Units | Notes | Advising Notes |
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| Program Course | HTHTEK 202 | **Directed Practice for Coding Specialists** | **1** | Has a prerequisite. | |

**Total Units     1**

| Semester 4 | Course Code | Course | Units | Notes | Advising Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Program Course | HTHTEK 216 | **Interventional Radiology Coding** | **3** | Has a prerequisite | |

**Total Units     3**

**Degree Path and Requirements:**

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with counselors. Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with financial aid for eligibility.

**Department Advising Notes:**

Student must complete the Health Information Coding Specialist Certificate before enrolling into HTHTEK 216.

**Program Description**

The Interventional Radiology Coding certificate prepares individuals seeking to work as coders for a radiology department or other healthcare setting where procedures are performed on the gastrointestinal, genitourinary, biliary, cardiovascular, and other body systems.  Upon completion of the Coding

Specialist courses, students complete one additional course to learn how to abstract and analyze radiologic documentation to become proficient in radiologic procedural coding specifically related to non-vascular interventional radiology.

**Career and Transfer Opportunities**

Interventional Radiology Coder; According to the Medical Coding Health Care Salary Survey of 2013 by the American Association of Professional Coders (AAPC), interventional radiology is one of the top wage earning specialties.  Due to the overwhelming need for experts in the Interventional Radiology Cardiovascular specialty, the AAPC now offers the CIRCC® (Certified Interventional Radiology Cardiovascular Coder) credential. Since interventional radiology coding and charging error rates are known to be high for this radiology subspecialty, the CIRCC® credential helps validate this additional level of education, knowledge and expertise required by the individuals who work in the complex and specialized areas of interventional radiology and cardiovascular coding and charging.  Individuals seeking the CIRCC credential must have either a CPC or CCS to take the exam.  In addition to AAPC, the Radiology Coding Certification Board (RCCB), with over 900 members certifies individuals who successfully meet its standards, policies and procedures, and pass the certification exam.   To work as an interventional radiology coder, most settings require that individuals have at least one national certification to be hired.

Many of the jobs for interventional radiology coding are remote or telecommuting jobs. AAPC's 2013. Job listings for radiology coders as of 12/9/15 from companies such as Indeed.com (130), Simply Hired (80), Glassdoor (100), Career Builders (60), and Monsters (50), to name a few, indicate a great need for coders with this type of skill.  Since this is a profession that may be completed remotely, the labor market needs are reflective of companies within and out of our regional area, which means individuals seeking employment as radiology coders may be employed throughout the country remotely.  The national salary range for interventional radiology coders (IRCs) start at $48,500 and above. Regionally, IRCs make approximately $40.00/ hour.

Visit the Transfer Center for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a counselor. Students can visit Career and Job Services for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the American Job Center of California on ELAC main campus.

**Youtube Videos**

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**Program Map**

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

**Prerequisite Course**

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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