

# CHOOSING HOSPITAL CODING CREDENTIALS

## Hospital Coding Credentials Expand

Hospital coding jobs are expanding faster than ever as physicians continue to move from private practices and join hospital groups.



AAPC now has two certifications representing both inpatient and outpatient hospital coding: Certified Outpatient Coder (COC) and Certified Inpatient Coder (CIC).



Let's compare to see which one is right for you.



Dedicated exclusively to outpatient facility coding.

Dedicated exclusively to inpatient hospital/facility coding.

### CODE SETS TO KNOW

CPT®, HCPCS Level II, and ICD-10-CM

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ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS



Work in a hospital/facility or ASC.

Work in a hospital/facility.

### LOCATION

Those who hold the COC™ credential.

Average **57,680/yr**



### SALARY

Average **56,544/yr**

Hospital inpatient coders.

According to AAPC's 2014 Salary Survey, 11% of members work in the hospital outpatient setting.

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### MEMBER STATS

**7.6%**

According to AAPC's 2014 Salary Survey, 7.6% of members work in a hospital inpatient setting.

Both certified COCs and CICs must have a good understanding of anatomy, physiology, and medical terminology to code medical services and diagnose correctly. They also need knowledge of coding rules and regulations to keep current on issues regarding medical coding, compliance, and reimbursement.



Hospital and facility coding and billing jobs continue to increase. Now is the time to choose the certification best for you.

Learn more about AAPC certifications at: [aapc.com/certification](http://aapc.com/certification)

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