

Realize your goal
Become Certified

STUDENT APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State/zip _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

Institution Attending: _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Student pricing valid for the duration of your schooling PLUS 1 year after graduation.

PAYMENT INFORMATION: (make checks payable to PAHCS)

___ Annual Student Membership dues \$65

___ Exam Fee \$100

___ Discount for Membership & Exam \$165

___ Study Guide \$65

___ Package \$230 includes 1 year membership, exam and study guide

___ I wish to take advantage of two monthly payments of \$115 for membership, exam & study guide

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

___ Visa ___ M /C ___ AmEx ___ Discover ___

Name on Card: _____

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____



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**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
HEALTHCARE
CODING
SPECIALISTS**

**Academic Student Credentialing
Program:
Certified Basic Medical
Coding Specialists
CBMCS**



PAHCS believes education is the key to success.

PAHCS partners with educational institutes for the benefit of healthcare coding students.

Educators across the country can offer their students national recognition immediately upon graduation.

Community Colleges and other educators interested in providing this additional benefit to their students should submit an application for pre-approval of the curriculum to the national office that includes the:

1. Course description
2. Syllabus
3. Course Materials Listing
4. Processing fee of \$500 per Course
5. Profile of Instructor(s) Qualifications

We recommend institution offer the PAHCS exam within 1 months of the student's final exam and/or completion of the program.

Approved PAHCS programs are valid for three years.

A "significant" change in the curriculum may negate the approval status and require re-assessment.

The school is not required to be a corporate member of PAHCS or pay any other dues.

PAHCS ACADEMIC PROGRAM

PAHCS offers Students special recognition and discounts while pursuing a coding education.

Upon successful completion of the school curriculum PAHCS student members can take our Certification Exam. Successful candidates will earn the title of

"Certified Basic Medical Coding Specialist" (CBMCS).

After two years of coding experience students may take a 60 question specialty exam and become certified in their specialty. PAHCS specialty certified coders will not lose their CBMCS (as long as they are paid members and accumulate 24 CEUs every 24 months).

Student members have access to all member benefits including:

- PAHCS list serve
- Member library
- Quarterly newsletter
- Educational resources
- Annual Conference
- Networking with fellow coders around the country

BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

1. Shows employers that you have goals
2. A Coding Certification is the most credible way to demonstrate your commitment to coding compliance
3. Shows you are a professional
4. Validates that you have attained a competent level of knowledge in procedural and diagnostic coding

In order to receive the "CBMCS" designation, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a student member of PAHCS
2. Complete a formal course of instruction in Coding that has been approved by PAHCS.
3. Successfully complete the PAHCS examination for the Certified Basic Medical Coding Specialist (CBMCS) designation



Once "Student Members" have been out of school for one year they will be required to update their status to "Member". At this time:

1. Annual dues go from \$65 to \$120 per year. These fees go into effect on the member's renewal date.
2. Earn 24 CEUs (Continuing Education Units) every 24 months. Time starts after completing the certification examination.
3. After accumulating 2 years or coding experience "on the job" members can apply to take the 60 question specialty certification exam at a reduced rate.
4. Members who pass the specialty portion will be awarded their specialty certification. Members have the right to retain their CBMCS credentials in addition to their specialty credentials.

NOTE: PAHCS is pronounced "packs"