

Criteria	Coding Refresher Course	Coding Specialist Program
Skill Level Acquired	Entry-Level (job-ready)	Advanced
Intended Audience	<p>HIM professionals wanting to become coders or return to a coding role after more than 2 years without practice.</p> <p>New HIM graduates who require added support and development to build entry-level coding skills.</p>	<p>For coders wishing to enhance their level of coding competency and skill to specialist/expert level</p> <p>For new HIM graduates who are confident but wish to acquire an advanced level of competence</p> <p>Those wishing to gain the ability to train other coders</p> <p>Those wishing to prepare for the Canadian Coding and Classification Specialist certification exam</p>
Time Commitment	Self-Paced 80-100 hours, up to 12 months	Self-Paced 120-150 hours, up to 12 months
Entry Requirements		
Certification	Certified HIM Professional *	Certified HIM Professional *
Education	Canadian HIM Program**	Canadian HIM Program**
Coding Experience	No recent acute care coding experience needed (but must have graduated from a Canadian HIM/HRT program**)	Recent acute care coding experience within 2 years OR graduation from HIM program within 2 years

*If you are not yet a [certified HIM professional](#), you must take our [HIM Program](#) or please contact us.

** If you are an international applicant, please contact us.