Certified Value Based Administrator (CVBA) Course Syllabus

Clock Hours: 20 (*Note:* 20 clock hours accounts only for time spent in the online course, and does not include time spent outside the course or study time. Study time will vary widely per individual.)

Course Length: To be completed at student's own pace within a 3-month period or less. Enrollment date begins at date of purchase. Monthly course extensions may be purchased.

Class Hours: Days/Times Per Week: Online course, independent self-study, no classroom meetings; student may login to the course at their own time schedule, no specific login times. Students may email course content questions to coaching staff.

Certificate of Completion Issued: Yes

CEUs: 20 CEUs upon completion (AAPC certified prior to enrollment; some certifications excluded – see AAPC website for more details.)

Course Description: This comprehensive course equips healthcare professionals with the knowledge and tools to lead and manage value-based care (VBC) initiatives. Learners will explore the foundations and evolution of VBC, population health management, risk adjustment, quality measurement, and the digital backbone that enables success. Core modules cover operational models, financial risk, patient attribution, and regulatory frameworks, while emphasizing the roles of key stakeholders and the Certified VBC Administrator. The program concludes with a real-world case study, guiding learners through the design and implementation of a value-based care plan for an accountable care organization (ACO).

Course Objectives:

- Explain the principles and evolution of value-based care (VBC), including its frameworks, goals, and impact on healthcare delivery compared to fee-for-service.
- Apply population health management, quality measurement, and risk adjustment strategies to improve outcomes, equity, and financial performance in VBC models.
- Leverage technology and data tools—including EHR optimization, business intelligence, and predictive analytics—to support VBC operations and decision-making.
- Analyze and manage operational, financial, and regulatory components of VBC contracts, including payment models, attribution methods, compliance, and risk management.
- Design and implement a value-based care plan that engages stakeholders, integrates clinical and administrative functions, and drives continuous improvement within a healthcare organization.

Course Content:

- Foundations of Value-Based Care (VBC)
- Population Health and Quality Measurement Essentials
- Risk Adjustment Essentials
- Technology and Tools in VBC
- Operationalizing and Administrating VBC
- Real-World Application: Design and Implementation of a VBC Plan for a Medium-Sized Health System – ACO Model
- Compliance and Regulatory

Methods of Evaluation:

The instructional methods used include:

- Reading assignments – These readings are carefully designed at equipping students with the foundational knowledge necessary for understanding the intricacies of medical coding.
- Check your understanding quizzes – These are concise assessments designed to gauge your comprehension and retention of the material covered in the readings. They serve as an effective tool to reinforce learning, identify areas for improvement, and ensure you are on track with your understanding of the subject matter.

- Interactive lectures – These are dynamic and engaging educational lectures focused on discussing specific topics and applying coding skills in a practical context. They are designed to foster active learning through participation, thereby enhancing their understanding and proficiency in medical coding.
- Review Exam – This is a comprehensive evaluation designed to gauge your summative understanding of the chapter's topics. It also serves as a practical exercise in managing time during an assessment. It's an opportunity to reflect on your learning journey, identify areas of strength, and pinpoint topics that may require further study.

Grade Calculations:

Successful course completion includes:

- An attempt of all assignments
- A passing score of 70% or higher on all chapter exams
- A passing score of 70% or higher on the final exam
- An overall final course score of 70% or higher

No reduced hours in the course or tuition discount for previous education or training will be granted.

To receive a certificate of completion, students must successfully complete the course within the allotted time frame of 3 months or less (monthly extensions may be purchased).

Included Textbooks:

1. 2026 Certified Value-Based Administrator (CVBA)® - eBook; AAPC; AAPC publisher

Required Code Books (Not Included):

1. ICD-10-CM (current year)

Required code books may be purchased through AAPC or any major bookseller.

Course Enrollment Fee: Payment is due in full at time of enrollment. Fees listed do not include any required or recommended textbooks/supplies or computer requirements, which are to be purchased separately by the student. Prices are variable and subject to change, see AAPC website for most current enrollment fees: https://www.aapc.com/training/cpc-complete-training-package.aspx