



Certified Healthcare Compliance Officer

The Healthcare Compliance Profession

As the healthcare field continues to expand, compliance requirements of various governments and regulatory agencies will continue to grow as well. All medical practices, no matter how big or small, will require a professional on staff who can organize, develop, manage and direct all compliance requirements. Moreover, mandatory compliance programs will become a condition of Federal healthcare programs in order to combat pervasive Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse as dictated by the Affordable Care Act. In completing this course, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the key requirements needed to effectively develop, implement and monitor a healthcare compliance program for any practice in accordance with all regulatory requirements including internal compliance reviews, audits and risk assessments and as well as internal staff education and training in compliance requirements.

The Healthcare Compliance Professional Program

The purpose of this program is to familiarize students with all areas of healthcare compliance as mandated by state and federal law. This course covers the following key areas and topics:

- Healthcare in the United States
- Laws & Regulations
- Compliance Programs
- Audit and Investigation

Education & Certification

- Healthcare Compliance Professionals should have or be pursuing a high school diploma or GED.
- Students will emerge from this course fully prepared to sit for the AAPC's Certified Professional Compliance Officer (CPCO™) certification exam

Detailed Course Topics Covered

- Demonstrate understanding of the OIG Compliance Guidance for Individual and Small Group Physician Practices, Clinical Laboratories, and Third-Party Billing Companies
- Demonstrate knowledge of compliance program effectiveness techniques
- Demonstrate understanding of key healthcare fraud and abuse laws, including the False Claims Act, Stark Laws, and Anti-Kickback Statute, including the associated penalties
- Demonstrate understanding of how the PPACA will affect medical practices
- Demonstrate knowledge of other laws and regulations, including HIPAA, EMTALA, and CLIA
- Demonstrate understanding of how to handle investigations, including self-disclosure protocols
- Demonstrate knowledge of requirements under Corporate Integrity Agreements (CIAs) and Certificate of Compliance Agreements (CCAs)
- Demonstrate understanding of current investigative activities (RACs, ZPICs, MFCUs)
- Demonstrate understanding of various risk areas, including items such as gifts/gratuities, conflicts of interest, use of Advance Beneficiary Notices, teaching physician's guidelines and incident to services.