

History of Medical Coding

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Assignment: Write an essay containing three elements:

1. History or background of the profession in medical coding. What profession(s) sparks medical coding?
2. Education requirements.
3. Job opportunities.

The Faculty understand that there is not much available. Anything found will do.

Research:

Finding books in the Sinclair Library Catalog and the OhioLINK Library Catalog

Title search --Occupational Outlook Handbook [Electronic version]
Click on **OOH Search/A-Z Index** on the top right corner.
Type **Coding**

Subject search – Nosology
Nosology – Code numbers

Word search – medical coding

Avila-Weil, Donna. Independent medical coding: The comprehensive guidebook for career success as a medical coder. Windsor, CA: Rayve Productions, 1999.
Reserve Desk 616.00148 A958i

Finding articles published in magazines, journals, or newspapers:

The following are names of databases that you can try:

Academic Search Premier
Type **medical coding** in Default Fields

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition
Type **medical coding** in Default Fields

Medline
Click and uncheck the box for “Check keywords in thesaurus:”
Type **medical coding** in the bar for a keyword or phrase search.

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Research:

Finding Web resources

American Health Information Management Association

<http://www.ahima.org/>

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society

<http://www.himss.org/ASP/index.asp>

HIM.COM: The Health Information Management Supersite

<http://www.himinfo.com/>

Type **medical coding** in the window for Site Search.