

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

REPORT

ALUMNI TALK

ON

“CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN MEDICAL CODING”

School of Pharmacy has conducted a ‘Alumni Talk’ by the beloved alumnus **Ms. G. Chitra, Senior Coding Analyst**, Geebs Healthcare Solutions, Hyderabad, for the students of B.Pharmacy III and IV year on 12/11/2021, at School of Pharmacy, Nalla Narasimha Reddy Education Society’s Group of Institutions, Hyderabad.

Summary:

Ms. G. Chitra explained the students regarding roles and responsibilities, various training courses, certification exams to be written and companies which are offering jobs with respective to medical coding for the trained candidates. She covered the following points;

- Medical coding is the translation of medical reports into a short code used within the healthcare industry.
- Medical coders are individuals responsible for translating physicians’ reports into useful medical codes.
- After a medical provider examines or treats a patient, the insurance company needs to understand what was done in order to process the bill and It is the role of a medical coder to provide this information in a way that is useful and efficient.
- She mentioned that B. Pharma graduates have benefits to stand at the interview as they have thorough knowledge on anatomy and physiology of the human system.
- Institutes like Medical Coding Academy, National Institute of Medical Coding and also other private institutions offer courses in medical coding besides several online platforms that offer short-term certification courses in the subject.
- Certified Professional Coder (CPC) credential is the benchmark for medical coding where the candidates will get better packages when applying for medical coder job. To pass CPC exam, you have to score 70 percent: of 150 questions, total, you may miss 45 answers and it is an open book test. The exam costs around Rs 32,000/-. The certificate is valid worldwide, where the candidates can explore their career out of India.
- Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) and the Certified Medical Coder (CMC) are the other two certified exams which can be opted by the students.
- The CCS exam is thought to be significantly more difficult than the CPC exam, with just 56% of people earning a passing score on the first attempt. The exam fee is around Rs 24,000/-.

- The CMC exam is also only offered in a live, proctored setting. The CMC exam consists of approximately 133 questions. Examinees must earn a minimum of 70 percent in order to become certified. The exam fee is around Rs 32,000/-.

With the above she concluded that medical coding is the best option as career for B. Pharma graduates.

Total 80 students from both III and IV year B.Pharmacy have attended the session and gained the knowledge on the career opportunities and training programs related to medical coding.



Ms. G. Chitra, Senior Coding Analyst, Geeks Healthcare Solutions, Hyderabad interacting with the students.


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