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## **HIMAA New Certificate Course**

As a Registered Training Organisation, the Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA)\* is now offering a full VET-level qualification in clinical coding, the 22274VIC Certificate IV in Clinical Classification.

This 2 year program of 850 study hours is a full and comprehensive program of education and training to prepare candidates for entry into a career in clinical coding.

The course has combined our existing coursework in Comprehensive Medical Terminology (CMT), Introductory Clinical Coding and Intermediate Clinical Coding with a range of supplementary coding-related units and industry and workplace units that make up the full 12 units.

National delivery of coursework for the HIMAA 22274VIC Certificate IV in Clinical Classification is online, but still with that personalised educator support HIMAA students find so invaluable.

The advantage of a certificate IV course in clinical coding is that, as a formal qualification, it places graduates on a credentialed career pathway. Graduates of the 22274VIC Certificate IV in Clinical Classification will be eligible for Senior Associate Membership with HIMAA, which enables them access to Certified Health Information Practitioner status through our Professional Credentialing Scheme. Graduates who go on to complete HIMAA's Advanced Clinical Coding course will be eligible to sit HIMAA's Certified Clinical Coder examination.

Past and current clinical coding students with HIMAA can transition to the new Certificate IV course through recognition of prior learning.

Go to http://himaa2.org.au/education/?q=node/225) for course and enrolment details.

There are two intakes per year, July and March.

For more information call HIMAA's Education Services Student Support and Administration Officer on 02 9887 5898, or email <u>education@himaa.org.au</u>.

\* HIMAA partners with the NCCH on a joint annual national conference which programs a dedicated clinical coding stream. For details, go to

https://himaa.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/himaa-ncch-2016-national-conference/home