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BridgeValley partners with Career Step to offer online medical coding and medical transcription programs

South Charleston, W.Va. – Turn your interest into a career! The fields of medical coding and billing and medical transcription continue to grow. The non-academic credit online training programs offered at BridgeValley Community and Technical College in partnership with Career Step provide individuals the opportunity to gain the education needed to qualify for these jobs. Persons interested in working in the healthcare industry as a coder or transcriptionist should attend a **FREE** Information Session on Thursday, October 1, at 2 – 4:00 p.m. or 6 – 8:00 p.m. in Room 134 of the Advanced Technology Center, 1201 Science Park Drive, South Charleston, WV. Pre-registration is encouraged by calling 304 205-6690.

Career Step, a leading competency-based training company for online healthcare education, has partnered with industry authors and professional educators, and an American Medical Association coding consultant, to develop and offer the AHIMA-approved Professional ICD-10 Medical Coding and Billing program. This will prepare students for the Certified Coding Associate (CCA) and Certified Professional Coder (CPC) credentials as well as effective transition to the workforce. As an American Health Information Management Association approved coding certificate program, an independent peer review has determined that Career Step's curriculum meets the organization's model curriculum and standards.

Career Step is teaming up with M*Modal, a leading provider of clinical documentation and Speech Understanding™ solutions, to provide training and job opportunities for those interested in medical transcription careers, with a focus on training, developing and recruiting for these transcription careers in rural areas of Kentucky and West Virginia. As part of this collaboration, M*Modal will offer employment and signing bonuses to graduates with honors or high honors status from the Career Step Medical Transcription Editor training program.

Both programs are completely online, allowing students to study on their own schedules; students also have access to many supplemental education resources, including e-texts, webinars, and one-on-one support from certified, experienced professionals. Before graduation, students are required to code or transcribe/edit hundreds of authentic medical records, ensuring they are prepared for certification and employment upon graduation. With online training, a disciplined student can study on a schedule that fits his/her life, progress at the pace that matches his/her learning style, and enjoy the flexibility to adjust the time and effort devoted to the coursework each day.



BridgeValley Community and Technical College was founded on March 20, 2014 and serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley awards one-year certificates and two-year associate degrees in many fields including civil, mechanical and electrical engineering technology, business and health management, nursing, dental hygiene, business technology, medical assisting, diesel technology, computer information technology, and welding.

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