

# Update your Coding Skills



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## ICD-10-AM Coding Refresher Course

The ICD -10 - AM Coding Refresher course will be conducted by La Trobe University, School of Public Health, Department of Health Information Management. It has been designed for those who have not coded for some time to update their clinical coding skills.

### **Who is the course aimed at?**

The course is aimed at people who have a past qualification in clinical coding (MRA/HIMs, Nosologists and OTEN or DEP courses), who perhaps have not been coding for some time, but wish to update their abstracting and coding skills. This may include:

- People who have been temporarily out of the work force;
- People who work in other areas of health information management or the health industry, and are not currently coding.

### **What will the course contain?**

The course aims to refresh skills and knowledge in the following areas, based on the 2008 6<sup>th</sup> Revision of the *International Classification of Diseases - 10th edition- Australian modification (ICD-10-AM)*.

- Abstracting from the record
- Content and application of the Australian Coding Standards
- Coding skills at the casemix complexity level of a mid-size public hospital
- Introduction to AR-DRGs
- VAED reporting

### **Who will teach the course?**

The lecturers are experienced clinical coders. Most are members of the Victorian ICD Coding Committee; and code in major teaching hospitals.

### **How is the course structured?**

The course will be conducted online through the La Trobe University Learning Management System (LMS) (an online teaching system). It will run over a period of 8 weeks, scheduled to commence February 2009. An optional face to face tutorial will be offered towards the end of the course on a Saturday at the La Trobe University campus (date to be confirmed).

Participants will need access to a computer and the internet.

### **What is the course fee?**

The course fee is \$1,375.

This includes online lecture notes, exercises, discussion with lecturers and quizzes.

Optional face to face tutorial fee is \$100.

### **What is not covered by the course fee?**

ICD-10-AM (6<sup>th</sup> ed) books or e books.

### **Applications**

Applications close late December 2008. If the course needs to be cancelled due to an inadequate number of enrolments, applicants will be notified, and course fees will be refunded in full.

Course fees will not be refunded after the course commencement date. Withdrawal from the course prior to the commencement date will incur an administration fee of \$100, which will be deducted from the refund.

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