



Discipline of Health Information Management
School of Psychology and Public Health

2022 Bridging Course in Health Classification & Clinical Coding Discipline of Health Information Management

What is the aim of the Bridging Course in Health Classification and Clinical Coding?

Graduate-entry Master of Health Information Management (MHIM) students without approved prior training in health classification are required to undertake this short Bridging Course to gain a basic understanding of the structure and function of the diagnosis and operative procedure classification system (ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS). The ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS comprehensively provides for the classification ('coding') of all diagnoses, operative procedures and health and treatment interventions. The codes allocated are used in the health care industry around Australia (and the same occurs in other countries) for health data collection, health service planning, epidemiological research and hospital and health service funding.

The short Bridging Course is only for students entering directly into the Master degree. It is generally not for the undergraduate double degree or single degree students; these students cover the material in the undergraduate curricula.

The Bridging Course offers fundamental training to underpin the clinical coding knowledge and skills that students will subsequently develop in their *Health Classification & Clinical Coding* subjects in the Master degree. They ultimately develop skills for applying the codes and Australian Coding Standards to interpret and extract information from patients' hospital records, definition of principal diagnosis, additional diagnosis, and procedures.

Who should enrol in the Bridging Course in Health Classification and Clinical Coding?

Most incoming MHIM students are required to complete the Bridging Course. If you have completed a sub-tertiary coding course and work as a Clinical Coder, contact **Jenn Lee** in the first instance, for assessment of your status for the Bridging Course: j.Lee4@latrobe.edu.au.

Signing-up

Please confirm your registration by emailing:

- coding@latrobe.edu.au
- By February 21, 2022

Any student who receives a late offer of a place in the MHIM, or International students who arrive later than this date, should contact Jenn Lee, Course Co-ordinator for advice (j.Lee4@latrobe.edu.au).

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Course Dates and Class Time

Wednesday, February 23 to Friday, February 25, 2022

Delivery mode: Online via zoom.

Class time: **Wednesday Morning 9:00-12:00** (orientation to MHIM); **Afternoon 1:00- 5:00** (Bridging course commences); **Thursday – Friday, 9.00 – 5.00** – Bridging course.

Estimated time to complete the course: 21 hours. These hours include the in-class time, workshops for discussion and practice, and feedback/formative exercises and tests to guide progress.

Course costs

The total cost of this course is **\$250** (including GST).

Please note: Students who withdraw before receiving their La Trobe LMS Log in details will incur 10% administration fee. The full fee is forfeited where a student withdraws after receiving LMS log-in details.

Step-by-step registration procedure (online)

Step 1: To enrol in this course, visit <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/pathways/bridging-courses>.

Read the course information very carefully, taking note of policies, dates, and requirements of students.

Step 2: Once you have read all relevant information, proceed to the payment and registration link on this page. Enter your details and payment information. When it is complete, you will receive a notification of receipt of your payment with your receipt number. This is confirmation to you that we have received your registration and payment.

Step 3: A week or so before the Bridging Course is due to commence, you will receive your statement of account with your username and password, so you can then log onto LMS. You will also receive instructions on how to log on to LMS so you can access the online Bridging Course information.

Required Study Materials

1. ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS - 11th Edition.

The ICD-10-AM, ACHI and ACS required for Semester 1, 2022 is 11th edition.

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The coding books or eBook are the only high-cost item in the course. These are specialised texts and are available only from the Independent Health Pricing Authority (IHPA) (paper books) or eBook (TurboCoder) from Eurofield Information Solutions (EIS). You MUST purchase the edition listed: for Semester 1, 2022 it is **11th edition**.

Please note, the 12th edition of ICD-10-AM,ACHI and ACS is due for implementation July 1, 2022. You will need the 11th edition of ICD—10-AM, ACHI and ACS for the clinical coding subject held in Semester 1 2022 and the 12th edition of ICD-10-AM, ACHI and ACS for subsequent clinical coding subjects, including HIM5CCC in Semester 2 and HIM5CCD in 2023, if chosen as an elective subject. The 13th edition of ICD-10-AM, ACHI and ACS is due for implementation July 1, 2025.

If you purchase the 11th edition eBook for your studies, Eurofield Information Solutions will send you the 12th edition licence when that becomes available in May or June 2022, at no extra cost. This means you will only be paying the one price for both editions.

From February 1, 2022, students can purchase their 11th Edition licences from the special link below:

<https://www.ecompress.com/buyICD10AMs11th.htm>

Please be advised that the Student ID along with the promotional code: **EDUPRICE11TH** will be required to get the discount. Students can only have the access before July 1, 2022. When the 12th Edition is available sometime in May or June, EIS will send the 12th Edition licences to students and the expiry date will be 2 years after the purchase date.

If you purchase the 11th edition set of hardcopy books from IHPA, you will also need to purchase the additional set of books for 12th edition, for use from July 2022 onwards.

Please buy either paper books from IHPA or the eBook from Eurofield Information Solutions.

For paper books, purchase from IHPA: <http://ar-drg.lanepprint.com.au/>

You need to order and purchase this set of five books. The student discounted purchase price is approximately \$360 for a new set.

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You also need to download all Errata documents from the Australian Classification Exchange website: https://ace.ihsa.gov.au/Downloads_ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS_EleventhEdition_Errata: please update the coding books with errata as below:

Print out the Errata and make sure you have corrected the printing errors in the 5 books with Errata(s) before bringing the hard paper books to the first class. This is not required in the eBook.

Delivery of the ordered books usually takes 1-2 weeks so please order as soon as you have received your offer of a place in the MHIM to ensure you have your books ready before the Bridging Course commences.

TurboCoder (ebook) is sold to the individual and so cannot be re-sold. The hard copy books can be resold if they are the current edition.

If attending classes on campus, you will need to load TurboCoder to a laptop.

2. **The Australian Dictionary of Clinical Abbreviation, Acronyms and Symbols, 7th edition** (Approx \$130 hard copy or \$35 web version). You will use the dictionary throughout your career as a 'go-to' reference. It is available only from the Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA). Visit the HIMAA online store: www.himaa2.org.au. To obtain the discounted price, apply for the free student membership of HIMAA. To receive your membership ID and be able to login: complete the Application Form provided in your La Trobe University Enrolment Package and hand it to one of the Academic Advisors (lecturers) on the day of enrolment. Our Department will arrange for the required signatures verifying your student status, and we will send your application directly to HIMAA. You MUST place your own order and payment separately.
3. **A Medical Dictionary** (e.g., the one that you use in the Physiology & Anatomy Bridging Course). The type is not prescribed although English medical spelling (e.g., Stedman's Medical Dictionary) is expected in the course.