

Auditing for Compliance

An Online Course to Train and Certify as a Healthcare Auditor

Work online at your own pace with no scheduled classes to attend. This course is preapproved for 18 continuing education units with AHIMA & AIHC.



****Spring into Action! Register now at a special discounted price (ends on April 30, 2019)!**

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Sponsored by The American Institute of Healthcare Compliance (AIHC)

AIHC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and an internationally recognized leader in healthcare compliance training and certification. Our mission is to provide education, certification, and continuing education to healthcare administrators at a reasonable cost through our classroom and web-based training programs. Our goal is to improve the competency of medical facility management in an increasingly complex regulatory environment. We seek to promote the increased quality of administrative healthcare systems in the United States by building an international network of credentialed healthcare professionals.

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eLearn Training: The Basics

eLearn training courses are online instructor assisted programs. There are no scheduled classes to attend, so you can work at your own pace. You are able to access your course information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by logging into the AIHC website. Your course instructor will be available to communicate by phone and e-mail to assist you throughout your training program.

Course Prerequisites

This course is recommended for coders, Compliance and HIPAA Officers, executives, and healthcare administrators involved in auditing procedures, compliance, or records. View the [Do I Qualify to Take the Certified Healthcare Auditor \(CHA\) Exam](#) page for our recommendations for professionals considering the certification option that is part of this training program.

Included in the Course Tuition

- An Online Course Manager is assigned to each professional enrolling in the program to provide professional guidance, technical website support, and assistance throughout the learning experience.
- Training materials and access to the online course page are provided for up to six (6) months. If you choose to attempt the optional certification exam, you must do so within twelve (12) months of your enrollment date.
- Homework, quizzes, and downloadable information can all be accessed through the online course page.
- AIHC Membership is provided for one (1) year *for first time members only*.
- One attempt at the online certification exam is included in the course tuition, provided the exam is taken within three (3) months of completing the program.



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Computer Requirements and Time Limits

To successfully complete this course, you will need high-speed internet access, email, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and Adobe Reader. You must complete this course within six (6) months of your enrollment date. Your course enrollment begins when the AIHC Office receives your course tuition payment.

Course Learning Objectives: P-E-R-C

Phase 1: P – Plan the Audit

- Fundamentals of Internal Business System Auditing
- Leadership Skills Needed by Health Care Auditors & Team Leaders
- Develop the Audit Plan & Utilizing the Basic Audit Principles
- Sample Selection Standards
- OIG Work Plan
- Compliance Guidance
- RAT STATS
- Drafting a Sampling Plan

Phase 2: E – Executing the Audit

- Conducting an Internal Audit and Attorney-Client Privilege
- Executing the Project and Project Management
- Schedule and Conduct the Opening Meeting
- Collecting Data & Inspecting Information: Know how to ask questions
- Documenting Information & Observations using Fishbone Diagram
- Gap Analysis
- Audit & Monitoring Standards and Criteria in Health Care Organizations
- Audit Committee, Communication & the Information Loop
 - Medicare Claim Review Programs
 - HEAT
 - Rules and Regulations: False Claims Act & FERA
 - Federal Anti-Kickback Statute: Stark Law
- Signature Requirements, Acceptable and Unacceptable Practices
 - Program Integrity Manual (PIM)
 - Authentication and Medical Record Keeping Principles
 - Audit Documentation for Medical Necessity – NCDs, LCD

Phase 3: R – Report Audit Findings

- Reporting Activities & the Audit Team Meeting
- Accuracy in Reporting Your Analysis, Assumptions, and Conclusions
- Appropriate Analysis of Data
- Qualitative vs Quantitative
- Using Math to Report Your Findings
 - Measures of Location: Mean, Median, Mode
 - Measures of Dispersion: Range, Standard Deviation, Coefficient of Variation
- Relationships & Statistical Significance
- Benchmarks
- Wording the Report
- Statistical Analysis
 - Flowcharting
 - Selecting the Right Graph or Illustration



Course Learning Objectives: P-E-R-C, continued

Phase 4: C – Corrective Action

- Corrective Action Activities – The Corrective Action Plan
- Basics of Root Cause Analysis - Tracing a Problem to Its Origins
 - 5 Steps to Reduce Errors
 - 5 Basic Root Causes
- Sentinel Events
- VA’s Approach to Patient Safety
 - VANCPS RCA Methodology – RCA Definitions
 - RCA vs. Healthcare Failure Mode & Effects Analysis (HFMEA™)
 - Calculating SAC – Safety Assessment Code
- RCA Triage and Triggering Questions
- Initial, Intermediate and Final Event Flow Diagrams
- Consequences of Performing Audits Related to Potential Overpayments
- Self-Reporting
- Lookback Period
- CMS Self-Referral Disclosure Protocol versus
- OIG Self Disclosure Protocol
- The Corrective Action Plan or “CAP” & Utilizing Free CMS and OIG Training Resources
- Monitoring Audits – Verify Corrective Action & Plan-Do-Check-Act or PDCA
 - Requirement Technique
 - Element Technique

Earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs)



18 CEUs: This program has been approved for 18 continuing education units by the American Institute of Healthcare Compliance for AIHC Certified Professionals.



18 CEUs: This program has been approved for 18 continuing education units for use in fulfilling the continuing education requirements of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). Granting prior approval from AHIMA does not constitute endorsement of the program content or its program sponsor.

Core Content Hours Approved: Performance Improvement, 18 Hours

Optional Certification Exam

Experienced Healthcare Auditors and Compliance Officers will have the *option* to certify as a Certified Healthcare Auditor (CHA) after successful completion of the Auditing for Compliance Course. The online exam can be taken remotely from the comfort of your home or office. Attempts at the exam are only available by appointment with a professional AIHC proctor. Visit the [Certification Exam Cancellation or Rescheduling](#) page for information about AIHC exam policies and rescheduling fees.

Remember: The certification exam is *optional*, but the cost of one exam attempt is *included* in your course tuition provided you take the exam within three months of completing the program.

Maintaining Your CHA Credential

Once you are certified, you need to maintain your credential by earning six (6) CEUs annually. View the online [CEU Renewal Chart](#) for a summary of the CEUs required to renew this credential. AIHC also offers free and low-cost CEU programs for our members. Please [Contact Us](#) for more information.



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****Course Tuition: ~~\$1,250~~ \$750 – Spring into Action!**

AIHC Member Tuition: ~~\$895~~ \$750 – Spring into Action!

Some Restrictions Apply: This Spring into Action special registration price is only available for registrations purchased for this online training program between March 25, 2019 and April 30, 2019 at 12:00pm EST. After April 30th, Non-Members will pay the full course tuition of \$1,250 and AIHC Members will pay the AIHC Member Tuition of \$895. Registration and payment information must be received by the expiration date of April 30, 2019 at 12:00pm EST in order to be eligible for this discounted price. Payments submitted via mail must be received by the AIHC Office by April 30, 2019 at 12:00pm EST. This special discounted pricing will not be held for mailed payments received after 12:00pm EST on April 30th. This special pricing cannot be applied to prior purchases or other AIHC training programs.

How to Register for this Course

Register Online:

Non-Members: Register online using the [Course Registration and New AIHC Membership Form](#).

AIHC Members: Register through the [AIHC Member Store](#).

Register Via Mail or Fax: Scroll down for a hard copy enrollment form. Mail or fax your completed form to the AIHC Office to submit your registration and payment information.

Payment Options



We accept registration payment via credit card or corporate check. You are able to submit your payment information online, by mail, or via fax. See the Enrollment Form below for more details.

If you cannot pay the full course tuition at this time, we recommend PayPal Credit. You do not need to have a PayPal account to use this payment plan option. View the [PayPal Credit Information](#) page for more details about this option.

Refund Policy

Refunds are not available. However, you may opt to request a credit voucher. For our eLearn courses, you have five (5) business days from your date of payment to notify us that you would like to request a credit voucher. If you have accessed the online course information, no credit voucher is available. View the [AIHC Refund Policy](#) for more details.






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Hard Copy Registration Form *(Please submit one form per person)*

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|--|---|
| Enrollment Date: Name & Credentials: Home Address: Employer Name & Address: Current Job Position: <i>(For website administration and registration confirmation)</i> Primary Email Address: Alternate Email Address: | Tuition (Check the Appropriate Box): <input type="checkbox"/> Spring into Action Tuition: \$750.00 <i>Full Tuition: \$1,250.00 After April 30, 2019</i> <i>AIHC Member Tuition: \$895.00 After April 30, 2019</i> I intend to take the online certification exam after completing this program: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Highest Level of Education: <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Masters Degree or <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma Program Higher Work Phone Number: Alternate or Cell Phone Number: |
| Credit Card Payment Information: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 20px; margin-top: 5px;">    </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> Discover </div> Amount Approved on this Credit Card: \$ _____ Card Number: _____ Security Code: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Billing Address for this Card: _____ Name As It Appears on this Card: _____ Authorized Signature & Date: _____ Paying by corporate check? Amount Due: \$ _____ Please Make Checks Payable to: AIHC AIHC Mailing Address: 431 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio 44256 AIHC Fax Number: (330) 952-0716 How did you hear about us? <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Worker <input type="checkbox"/> AIHC Website <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |



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A Membership Application Is Required for Non-Members Enrolling in this Program

(Membership is included in the price of tuition *for new members only*)

Job/Position (Title and Brief Description):

Are you certified by any organization? Please Indicate Certification and Company Name:

Are you a licensed clinical professional? Please Check All Appropriate Boxes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MD/DO | <input type="checkbox"/> Kinesiotherapist | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chiropractor | <input type="checkbox"/> Physician Assistant | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Podiatric Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Practitioner/Midwife | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Practical Nurse | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speech-Language Pathologist | <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Pharmacist | |

OIG Exclusion

Have you ever been notified that you were under investigation for, investigated for, charged with, or convicted of any offense relating to Medicaid or Medicare fraud?

- Yes
- No

Have you ever been on the OIG exclusion list?

- Yes
- No

Membership Requirement (Restriction)

AIHC membership is open to the public, health care workers and administrators as well as certified healthcare auditors, collectors and compliance officers. To uphold to a higher standard, AIHC follows the guidelines recommended by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) regarding retention of excluded individuals.

For many years the Congress of the United States has worked diligently to protect the health and welfare of the nation's elderly and poor by implementing legislation to prevent certain individuals and businesses from participating in Federally-funded health care programs. The OIG, under this Congressional mandate, established a program to exclude individuals and entities affected by these various legal authorities, contained in sections [1128](#) and [1156](#) of the [Social Security Act](#), and maintains a list of all currently excluded parties called the List of Excluded Individuals/Entities. (See OIG website at exclusions.oig.hhs.gov)

No individual whose name appears on the OIG Excluded Individuals Entities List may hold membership in AIHC and any member whose name is added to this list will have his/her membership status revoked without refund.

“My signature below indicates I have read this restriction to membership and attest that I am not currently on the OIG exclusion list at the date this application has been submitted for membership to the American Institute of Healthcare Compliance.”

Signature

Date



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