

September 2013

President's Message

Matt Jones, our inspirational speaker at the 2013 NHIMA Annual Convention talked about life being a marathon and suggested 26.2 ways to "fire up, pump up and inspire yourself...". At Mile 25, Matt states, "No one can be successful by themselves. We all need mentors who can help us along in the race of life. They are there to help us along when we feel like giving up. Mentors offer encouragement and can challenge us to be the best person we can be."

With the beginning of autumn and the start of school, it is a good time to reflect on our involvement with HIM students. In mid-August I participated in an orientation day for HIM students from Metropolitan Community College in Omaha. Seven students were in the classroom, plus one joined via webcam. I discussed the importance of belonging to AHIMA (and thus, NHIMA) and the valuable benefits the professional association provides. I also mentioned my own career journey and gave credit to my mentor, Bette Maack, RHIA, for bringing me along at a point in my career when I needed a boost. Can you name your mentor(s)? Have you thought about being a mentor and passing on your knowledge? To learn more about providing a Professional Practice Experience for a student, please read the information at <http://www.ahima.org/ppe>.

Are you interested in attending a CCS Prep workshop? The Board needs your input on this topic! The CCS exam content is ICD-9-CM through March 2014, then ICD-10 content beginning April 2014. If you are interested in attending a CCS Prep course, please take the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZMM6FXM>. The information gathered will determine the level of interest as well as location and price point.

One member mentioned she was reading a book that was suggested by her daughter's college. Each incoming freshman was reading the same book and the professors were encouraged to incorporate the themes and message in their respective lectures. Would you be interested in a "One Book, One NHIMA" activity? We could discuss the book informally or start a conversation with someone we don't know at convention. Let me know what you think of the idea and what you are reading!

Charlene Dunbar, NHIMA President



CAHIIM Accredited Schools in Nebraska

Did you know that there are currently three CAHIIM-Accredited Associate HIM Programs in the state of Nebraska and one program that is currently in Candidacy Status? Central Community College in Hastings, Clarkson College in Omaha, and Western Nebraska Community College is Scottsbluff currently have an accredited Associate in HIM degree program, which allows students to take the RHIT certification. Metropolitan Community College in Omaha is currently in candidacy status with CAHIIM and is in the process of seeking accreditation for their Healthcare Information and Administration program. Clarkson College also has the only CAHIIM accredited HIM bachelor's degree program in Nebraska, which allows students to take the RHIA certification exam.

For more information, please feel free to visit the College's HIM program's website.

- [Central Community College](#)
- [Clarkson College](#)
- [Metropolitan Community College](#)
- [Western Nebraska Community College](#)

CEU Requirements for ICD-10

As implementation of ICD-10-CM/PCS looms near, you may be wondering about the CEU requirements for ICD-10. AHIMA certified professionals are required by the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM) to participate in a predetermined number of mandatory baseline educational experiences specific to ICD-10-CM/PCS. These ICD-10-CM/PCS specific continuing education units will count as part of all AHIMA certificate total CEU requirements for the purpose of recertification. The total number of ICD-10-CM/PCS CEUs required by AHIMA credential is as follows: RHIT - 6, RHIA - 6, CCS-P - 12, and CCS -18.

Certified AHIMA professionals can begin earning ICD-10-CM/PCS specific CEUs during the period of January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2014. All AHIMA certified professionals who completed AHIMA's Academy for ICD-10 prior to January 1, 2011, will be allowed to use those CEU hours to fulfill the ICD-10-CM/PCS CE requirement. For more information see:

[CCHIIM ICD-10 Continuing Education Requirements for AHIMA Certified Professionals](#)
[CCHIIM Recertification Guide](#)



2013 NHIMA Scholarship

Gretchen Jopp has been selected to receive the 2013 NHIMA Education Scholarship. Gretchen completed her undergraduate degree from College of Saint Mary in Omaha in 1989. She continues to learn even today in her third year of graduate studies at Saint Scholastica. As a professor in Gretchen's studies stated, "She is dedicated to her work, both academic and professional, and is most deserving of a scholarship to support her in reaching her goals. She is and will continue to be an asset to the HIM profession".

Gretchen firmly believes that HIM professionals are becoming of more value than ever before. She continues to help grow new professionals in her daily work as an HIM instructor at Clarkson College. As a fellow instructor shares, "Gretchen demonstrates excellence in teaching. She demonstrates respect, and her students and peers reciprocate the respect to her". Gretchen enhances the learning environment through mentoring. She demonstrates a high degree of ethics and a genuine love of learning.

We congratulate Gretchen on her accomplishments and are happy to support her endeavors with the 2013 NHIMA Scholarship.

AHIMA Ballot Candidates

The AHIMA Community is your opportunity to see where candidates stand on various issues. After a successful login to the Communities of Practice, please visit the AHIMA Community. The site was open thru Friday, August 30, 2013 so members could interact with the 2013 ballot candidates. The topic sections are named as follows:

1. AHIMA Ballot Candidates - All Candidates
2. AHIMA Ballot Candidates - President/Chair-elect
3. AHIMA Ballot Candidates - Directors
4. AHIMA Ballot Candidates - CCHIIM Commissioner

Topics were created for each position on the ballot. Be sure to select the "topic", i.e., "President/Chair-elect, Director, CCHIIM Commissioners and All Candidates." Select the title to open the discussion area. A copy of the candidates' photo, brief bio and position statement questions and answers appear in the "Community Resources area under each topic.

Ballot Candidates were encouraged to focus on their knowledge, experience and opinion and not that of their opponent on these discussions. After the discussions end, the topics will be closed to future postings. As a reminder, the **polls open on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 - 12:00 a.m. CT thru Friday, September 23, 2013 - 11:59 p.m. CT.**

Dream Big and Believe. Let's plan to make voting history for the association!

Other Candidate Reference Materials - [AHIMA Ballot Candidate Videos](#)

NHIMA Contact Information: [Board Members](#) - [Committee/Task Force Chairs](#)
Dates to Remember: November 21-23, 2013 - AHIMA Academy for ICD-10-CM/PCS
 April 16-18, 2014 - NHIMA Annual Convention - Kearney, NE
 Click [HERE](#) for more info

Virtual Education

ICD-10-CM Introduction (recorded live 12/2012)
 This one hour webinar introduces ICD-10-CM. The presentation will discuss differences and similarities between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM, as well as provide information on implementation.

AHIMA CEU: 1.0 Cost: \$40 Register [here](#).

ICD-10-PCS Medical/Surgical Section Coding (recorded live 3/2013)
 The objectives of this 1 hour webinar are to 1) Review the code format and structure of ICD-10-PCS the Medical/Surgical tables; 2) List the advantages of ICD-10-PCS; 3) Review the seven chapters of the ICD-10-PCS codes; 4) Use operative/procedure reports to demonstrate the assignment of appropriate ICD-10-PCS codes.

AHIMA CEU: 1.0 Cost: \$40 Register [here](#)

It's still coming!

ICD-10-CM/PCS coder education

The Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) is partnering with the Nebraska Health Information Management Association (NHIMA) to provide ICD-10-CM/PCS coder education.

Sessions are tentatively planned for the following dates/locations:

- Scottsbluff - May 2014
- Kearney - May 2014
- Norfolk - June 2014
- Lincoln - June 2014

Exact dates will be provided as soon as they are confirmed. The format of each workshop will be the same.

Day 1 will focus on ICD-10-CM and days 2 and 3 will focus on ICD-10-PCS. You may register to attend only the first day or all three days. Stay tuned for further updates from NHA and NHIMA.



Additional offerings can be found at <http://www.knowledgeconnex.com/LearningPortal/ondemandeducation.html> on the KnowledgeConnex On Demand Education web page.

Tentative dates (awaiting signed contracts with venues):

- Kearney** - Holiday Inn Conference Center - May 14-16, 2014
- Scottsbluff** - Hampton Inn Conference Center - May 28-30, 2014
- Norfolk** - Holiday Inn Express - June 9-11, 2014
- Lincoln** - Country Inn & Suites - June 23-25, 2014