

Dialysis Technician

125 hours (DT)



Overview:

This program will prepare a graduate to work as an entry-level Dialysis Technician (DT) in a dialysis center, clinic, hospital, rehabilitation center, nursing home or long-term care (LTC) facility.

Who Should Attend?

This course is designed for those (men and women) seeking employment as a Dialysis Technician (DT). Dialysis Technicians are also called Hemodialysis Technicians, Renal Dialysis Technicians or Nephrology Technicians.

Upon entering a program, students will learn about the kidneys, kidney disease, and they will undergo training in how to use the dialysis machine. In addition to coursework, students will also complete clinical hours. This training will be conducted in a way that students will gain hands-on experience working with dialysis technician equipment and operating a real dialysis machine used in dialysis centers.

This course is offered as continuing education or professional development to participants in order to enhance existing employment in the medical field.

Entrance Requirements:

All dialysis technician programs require that prospective students have either a high school diploma or equivalency diploma. In addition, a prospective student must have a graduation certificate of completion from either of the following programs: Patient Care Technician (PCT), Phlebotomy & EKG, Medical Assistant, or Nurse Aide/Assistant (CNA).

Dialysis Technician duties may include:

On a daily basis, a Dialysis Technician might perform the following duties:

- Discuss the dialysis procedure with patients
- Operate the dialysis machine to initiate, monitor and terminate a dialysis procedure
- Offer support to patients before, during and after the procedure

Certification:

After completion of the DT program from a vocational accredited school, a certification can be obtained at the state and national level. To receive national certification, Dialysis Technicians can go through one of several organizations such as the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC) or the Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing and Technology (BONENT). National licensing requires that candidates work in the field for at least 1 year then pass an exam.

Job Outlook:

Although the Bureau of Labor Statistics does not give specific numbers for Dialysis Technicians, it does report that all medical laboratory technicians will have a projected employment growth of 30% between the years of 2012 and 2022. This rate is above average when compared to other occupations.

There are several reasons for the rapid increase in the number of jobs. There are a large number of the population who are aging, and they will need treatments such as dialysis. In addition, a greater amount of people in this country now have access to medical care due to new insurance legislation. Those individuals will seek all types of medical services and this will create a demand for more medical professionals in all laboratory technician fields.

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