



## Dialysis Technician

### The Dialysis Technician Profession

As kidney failure continues to be a growing national health problem, kidney disease is driving the growing demand for well-trained dialysis technicians. Dialysis Technicians are employed in hospitals, outpatient clinics, and other medical facilities. The number of dialysis technician jobs has the potential to increase by more than 35% by 2022. While most technician training has historically been done "on-the-job," today's healthcare employers are seeking well-trained technicians who possess the necessary knowledge and skills to fill this growing number of positions.

### The Dialysis Technician Program

This program provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties required of dialysis technicians. This course covers the following key areas and topics:

- Specific procedures to operate kidney dialysis machines
- Preparation of the dialyzer, reprocessing and delivery systems
- Equipment maintenance
- Skills to monitor and record a patient's vital signs
- The process for a dialysis teams' administration of local anesthetics and drugs as needed
- Assessment of patients for any complications that occur during a procedure
- Patient training for at-home dialysis treatment and techniques to provide emotional support patients need for self-care

### Education & Certification

- Dialysis Technicians should have or be pursuing a high school diploma or GED.
- This program is designed to cover the key objectives of the leading dialysis technician certification exams. Most national exams require job experience for formal dialysis technician certification, such as Board of **Nephrology Examiners Nursing Technology (BONENT) Certified Hemodialysis Technologist/Technician (CHT)**.

### Detailed Course Topics Covered

- Knowledge and use of aseptic techniques and standard precautions
- Renal physiology and the pathology of renal failure
- Principles of hemodialysis and hematological aspects
- Dialyzer reuse preparation, dialysate, and delivery systems
- Basic body chemistry including fluid and electrolyte balance
- Clinical manifestations of end-stage renal disease
- Dietary regulation and medication problems relating to dialysis
- Acute renal failure and dialysis
- Kidney transplantation
- Peritoneal dialysis
- Diabetes and hemodialysis
- Composition of dialysate solution
- Anticoagulation and heparin administration

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**Delivery:** Online self-paced, mentor support

**Hours:** 375

**Externship:** Optional Placement Available

**Tuition:** \$3,000

**BONENT Certification Exam Fee Included**

**Credential Achievement Guarantee**  
*conditions apply*