Hemodialysis Technician Program

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The Hemodialysis Technician program prepares graduates to provide hemodialysis treatments for clients with end-stage renal failure under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician in outpatient dialysis centers or a hospital outpatient unit. Students participate in theoretical and clinical learning environments to prepare for the duties and responsibilities of a clinical hemodialysis technician. Practica in a hemodialysis facility provide students an opportunity to develop and practice the skills of the hemodialysis technician and participate as a member of the dialysis team under the supervision of faculty and professional dialysis mentors. The curriculum is driven by federal and state regulations specific to the provisions of hemodialysis and includes all theoretical and practical instruction to prepare graduates to sit for the national certification exam leading to a Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician (CCHT) designation.

This occupation requires medium physical activity and lifting and handling objects weighing 10 to 50 pounds. Technicians often stand for long periods of time. To qualify for the program, students must have a high school diploma or GED certificate, along with CPR and basic first aid certification.

Program outcomes

Students completing the certificate will:
- Provide safe and effective hemodialysis treatments for clients in outpatient hemodialysis facilities.
- Perform hemodialysis procedures in a professional manner, adhering to federal and state standards required to maintain the safety of patients.
- Have received CPR and first aid certification.
- Be prepared to sit for national certification as a Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician (CCHT).

Getting started

The first step to entering this program is to take part in an assessment process, which includes taking the college’s free placement test and meeting with Advising and Counseling Services. You may need to complete program entry requirements. Then your advisor will help you develop an individualized program of study, which may include one or more of the following:

MTH020 Basic Mathematics ................................................. 4
WR080 Basic Writing ......................................................... 4

If you have questions about the requirements, call 503.399.6071. Failure to be assessed may delay your entry into program classes.