DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN

LIMITED ENROLLMENT
Delivery method: On campus
Program begins: Fall and Spring

Program Description

The Dialysis Technician program provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties required of dialysis technicians. Students will learn procedures to operate kidney dialysis machines, preparation of the dialyzer, reprocessing and delivery systems, equipment maintenance, and patient monitoring.

Preparation

Students interested in the Dialysis Technician program must be a Certified Nursing Assistant. Successful students have a strong sense of responsibility, patience, and manual dexterity.

Program Requirements

- Proof of high school diploma or high school equivalency
- Proof of Nursing Assistant certification
- Proof of CPR certification (BLS for Healthcare Providers) by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross. CPR must remain current throughout the program.
- Proof of immunizations dependent on clinical placement
- TOEFL test as proof of English proficiency score of 70 or higher (for applicants for which English is not their native language)
- Criminal background check and drug screening administered by CastleBranch
- Apply for the North Dakota Board of Nursing Unlicensed Assistive Persons (UAP) registry before class start

Career Opportunities

As kidney failure continues to be a growing national health problem, there is a 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 15% by 2031 (Healthcare Occupations: Occupational Outlook Handbook: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). While most technician training has historically been done "on-the-job," today's healthcare employers seek well-trained technicians with the necessary knowledge and skills to fill this growing number of positions.

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Degree Plans

- Dialysis Technician Program Certificate