

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
AMERICAN NEPHROLOGY NURSES' ASSOCIATION

1. Personnel giving direct care to dialysis patients will have received instructions in the following content and can give evidence of knowing:
 - a. Anatomy and physiology of the normal kidney;
 - b. Fluid-electrolyte and acid-base balance;
 - c. Pathophysiology of renal disease;
 - d. Acceptable laboratory values for the patient with renal disease;
 - e. Theoretical aspects of dialysis;
 - f. Care of peritoneal access device and site;
 - g. Technical aspects of dialysis;
 - h. Initiating, monitoring, and discontinuing dialysis;
 - i. Recognition of dialysis complications and emergency conditions and the institution of the appropriate corrective action;
 - j. Psychological, social, financial, and physical complications of long term dialysis;
 - k. Care of the patient with acute renal failure;
 - l. The identification of patient problems, evaluation of the patient's condition, and instruction of the patient for self-care;
 - m. Dietary control and medication of the uremic patient; and
 - n. Introduction to alternative forms of treatment: hemodialysis and transplantation.
2. Personnel will have received supervised clinical experience to develop competency in their area of responsibility.
3. Continued education will be provided to keep personnel abreast of new developments through effective communication, the literature, local inservice programs, and participation in the professional organization.

GUIDELINES
HEMODIALYSIS COURSE--EXPANDED ROLE LPN

Faculty Qualifications

Each faculty member responsible for teaching theory content in the Hemodialysis Course must possess:

1. A current, active, unrestricted Mississippi license as a Registered Nurse; and
2. Current (within the past 5 years) experience in the hospital setting, in dialysis, and/or in nursing education.

Clinical faculty/preceptors for the Hemodialysis course must:

1. Possess a current, active, unrestricted Mississippi license as a Registered Nurse; and
2. Be recommended by the immediate supervisor; and
3. Have current (within the past 5 years) experience and continued competency in Hemodialysis.

Clinical Facilities

There must exist clinical affiliation(s) with health care institutions that can provide adequate numbers and types of clinical experiences for the student.

Laboratory Supplies/Equipment

Basic training equipment and supplies must be available to provide for adequate learning experiences for each student.

Faculty Responsibilities

The RN course coordinator is responsible for submitting the following documentation to the Board office:

1. Pre-admission screening form(s) (notarized);
2. Course transcript(s) (notarized); and
3. Certification Application(s) and fee(s).

Curriculum

A Board approved educational program of study and clinical experience in Hemodialysis must be used. Course content must be consistent with recommendations of the American Nephrology Nurses' Association.

Certification Process

Once the Board has approved certification, the LPN will be asked to mail in his/her nursing license so that the certification in Hemodialysis will be noted on it. This certification will expire in conjunction with the LPN license. (December 31st of odd-numbered years.)