Career Opportunity!

Check out the Renal Dialysis Technician program at Kirkwood Community College!

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**RENEAL DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN**

Working in partnership with nurses, physicians and other Allied Health professionals, renal dialysis technicians care for patients needing hemodialysis due to renal disease, including those awaiting kidney transplants. Specific job responsibilities include operating, cleaning and maintaining dialysis machines; monitoring patients undergoing dialysis procedures; obtaining vascular access in dialysis patients; and assisting in overall care and well-being of dialysis patients.

**THE PROGRAM**

This course is intended for practicing renal dialysis technicians and those with interest in careers in renal dialysis. The Renal Dialysis Technician program prepares learners for entry-level employment in a hemodialysis unit. Participants should have a basic knowledge of concepts of health care, mathematics and human biology. Students must be able to communicate fluently in English (written and spoken). This course will cover patient care principles, an overview of human anatomy and physiology, normal and abnormal renal anatomy and physiology, principles of dialysis, water treatment, hemodialysis procedures, ethics and professionalism. This course prepares students for the national Renal Dialysis Certification exam.

**HEALTH PHYSICAL**

All students must have:
- A documented two-step tuberculosis test (Mantoux) within a year of first clinical rotations.
- Started the hepatitis B vaccine series.
- An up-to-date tetanus vaccination (within 10 years).

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**


**BEFORE REGISTERING**

All students must take the Skills Advantage work ready assessment prior to course registration. A Bronze level or higher must be attained prior to the class. Contact Amy Lasack, Skills Advantage program director, at 319-398-7194 or amy.lasack@kirkwood.edu.

Students are also required to submit to a criminal background check prior to participating in the clinical portion of the course. Cost is $35. Questions can be directed to Mike Robinson, 319-398-7179 or mike.robinson@kirkwood.edu.

Students must bring photo ID the first night of class.

**PREREQUISITES**

All students are required to have a high school diploma or GED, must be at least 17 years of age on first night of class, and able to converse fluently and write English.