

Dialysis Technician



What do they do?

Dialysis Technicians operate machines that act as an artificial kidney and remove waste from the blood along with excess fluid. They monitor the machines as well as the patients while they undergo dialysis treatment. They follow strict rules to provide safe and effective treatment to the patients receiving dialysis treatment.

Where do they work?

Dialysis Technicians normally work in a hospital or clinic setting. Depending on the patient's need they can also be found in a patient's home.

Pay:

According to Salary.com Dialysis Technicians make an annual salary of \$36,788.



Education:

To become a Dialysis Technician, a high school diploma or GED is required, in addition to the completion of an approved training program with clinical experience. Some states may require certification.

It is also possible to earn an associates two-year degree in medical technology or nephrology. This provides education on dialysis, and allows for advancement in the field, according to the National Kidney Foundation.

www.kidney.org



Training programs in Wisconsin:

Chippewa Valley Technical College

www.cvtc.edu

Milwaukee Area Technical College

www.matc.edu

Dialysis 4 Career

www.dialysis4career.com

DaVita

www.davita.com

Southland Health Careers

www.southlandhealthcareforum.org

Potential for Advancement:

There is room to advance with a lot of work experience and additional training and education. The advancement would be to lead technician positions or specialize in a field such as nursing or physician's assistant.

Certification:

Credentials can be earned through the following organizations:

- Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission
www.nncc-exam.org

CCHT – Certification for Clinical Hemodialysis Technicians



- Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing & Technology
www.bonent.org

CHT – Hemodialysis Technician Certification



- National Nephrology Certification Organization
www.nnco-cert.org

CBNT – Biomedical Nephrology Technology

CCNT – Clinical Nephrology Technology



Job Outlook:

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for Dialysis Technicians is expected to grow 16 percent between 2014 – 2024, which is faster than the average across occupations.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition*
www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/medical-and-clinical-laboratory-technologists-and-technicians.htm

