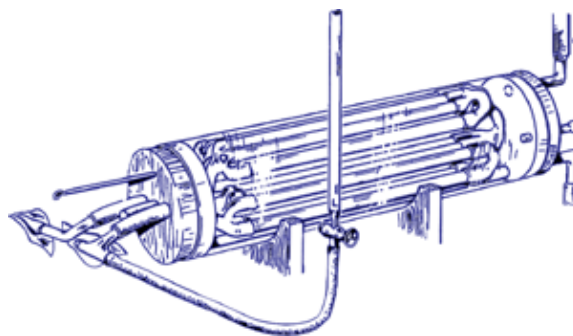




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## HEMODIALYSIS TRAINING

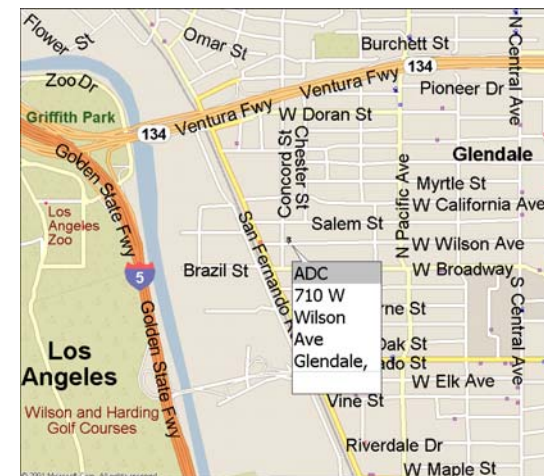


**Practicum Based  
For Nurses &  
Patient Care  
Technicians**

### CLASS LOCATION

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### PROGRAM HISTORY

Hemodialysis, Inc. (**Hi**) conducts a "Practicum Based Hemodialysis Training Program. **Hi** has been directly involved in end stage renal disease (ESRD) since 1964. We have trained hemodialysis: physicians, nurses and technicians since 1966. Because of a registered nurse (RN) shortage in 1970, we developed the standard for patient care technicians (PCTs) to supplement hemodialysis patient care. We wrote the white paper describing this training as part of a California manpower study conducted through USC Department of Medicine. We founded the California Dialysis Council (CDC) and passed legislation for RNs and PCTs.

# HEMODIALYSIS

## SCHOOL DIRECTOR

John R. De Palma, MD, FACP  
CEO, Hemodialysis, Inc. (Hi)

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an intensive education for any direct care-giver in the field of hemodialysis. It provides all usual skills required for employment in a dialysis facility. Hemodialysis is a growth industry, offering many employment opportunities. Students learn to take care of patients on the artificial kidney machines.

Lecture topics include: principles of dialysis, anatomy and physiology of the kidney, fluid and electrolyte balance, hematological aspects, infectious diseases, dialysis systems and equipment, vascular access to the circulation, routine aspects of hemodialysis, dietary regulation, blood chemistries, complications of renal failure, psycho-social aspects, and an overview of peritoneal dialysis and renal transplantation.

Instruction in the dialysis clinics is all “hands—on” and includes: preparation of the artificial kidneys, patient assessments, universal precautions, fluid management, initiating and concluding dialysis, access to the circulation, patient and equipment monitoring, and the treatment of routine hemodialysis problems in accordance with the standard dialysis procedures and policies of the facilities. Our faculty's sole duty is to teach and supervise students in the clinical facilities.

## COURSE CREDIT

**RNs** - Thirty (30) contact hours are awarded for continuing education upon completion of the training program. Hemodialysis, Inc. (Hi) is an approved provider of continuing education, Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) Provider number CEP2359.

**Hemodialysis Technicians** - Upon successful completion of the training program, PCTs are **eligible to apply** for the State of California certification as a Certified Hemodialysis Technician (CHT). Details on “How to Get Certified” are in the program information packet. Hi is an “approved provider” for training of hemodialysis technicians pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 686. California Department of Health Services (CDHS), Provider Identification Training Number is #64.

## PREREQUISITES

1. Current California Registered Nurse (RN) license. —or—
2. Current Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) license.
3. High school diploma or equivalency for non-nurses. Be at least 18 years of age.
4. Ability to speak, read, write and understand the English language. Students born outside the USA should have language skills equal to a 4th level English as a Second Language (ESL) class.
5. Successful completion of aptitude test (Hi-G2).
6. Personal interview at Hi Wilson office.
7. Department of Motor Vehicles H6 form.
8. No prior criminal record or drug abuse problem.

## PROGRAM FEES

1. **RNs** — \$4,500.00 (Accelerated program)
2. **PCTs** — \$5,500.00
3. Additional cost for textbooks, malpractice insurance, physical examination, laboratory tests, uniforms and supplies is approximately \$600.00.

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. **Register** at Hi Wilson office:  
Monday – Friday; 8 AM – 4 PM.
2. **Pay** a \$500.00 deposit to hold a space in the class.
3. A **non-refundable** processing fee of \$75.00 will be held.
4. **Pay full tuition.** Master Card, VISA, check, and money order accepted. No cash accepted.
5. **Balance due** 15 days prior to class start date.

## AFTER YOU REGISTER

Submit the following **prior** to the first day of class:

1. All health standards documentation.
2. Copy of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card.
3. Copy of Malpractice Insurance purchases through the insurance carrier for American Dialysis College.
4. RNs/LVNs — copy of nursing license.
5. You will be given a Program Information packet and an Enrollment Agreement when you register, that covers all required information in detail.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

**Two (2)** classes offered each year in the Fall and Spring. Start dates and days to be announced.

- ♦ Sixteen (16) week class
- ♦ **RNs** — Two (2) days per week
- ♦ **PCTs** — Four (4) days per week
- ♦ Lecture — four (4) hours per week
- ♦ Clinical — eight (8) hours; beginning and end times vary between 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM
- ♦ Days may vary between weekdays and Saturday.

**FOR THOSE WHO WORK:** we will attempt to accommodate your working schedule with a 3 day weekend.

PCTs must meet the requirement of **400** clock hours to complete program.

## HEALTH STANDARDS POLICY

You must submit evidence that you are in good health, have no contagious diseases, and no physical restrictions **prior** to the first day of class.

**Hi** dialysis facilities require the following medical documentation to be done within 90 days of the class start date:

1. Complete blood count (CBC)
2. Urinalysis
3. Hepatitis B surface antibody blood test.
4. Hepatitis B surface antigen blood test.
5. ALT/SGPT blood test within normal limits.
6. Physical exam and medical history. Physical examination and medical history forms are provided when you register.
7. Tuberculin (TB) skin test or chest film, within last 12 months.

Refer to the information packet for a detailed description of the health standard policies and how to proceed if there are any abnormalities.

**Note:** Students are encouraged to be vaccinated with the Hepatitis B vaccine series prior to entering the dialysis program.