

AIM OF THE DIALYSIS ASSISTANT COURSE

To provide a course whereby dialysis assistants develop skills, knowledge and attitude which makes them part of a safe, effective and caring team.

Duration

The period of training is 3 months.

Venue

The training is conducted on a full-time basis at the National Kidney Foundation Secretariat, Petaling Jaya.

Entry Requirements

- 11 years of schooling and minimum of 6 months working experience in a haemodialysis unit.
- Must have full secondment and a form of endorsement from their organizations.
- Final selection depends on relevant merits and abilities, as evaluated by Training Committee.
- Hepatitis Status – must be negative

Course Subjects

1. Anatomy and physiology of the kidney
2. Principles of Dialysis
3. Haemodialysis procedure and nursing care
4. Infection Control
5. Dietary Aspects on Chronic Haemodialysis
6. Rehabilitative Aspects of Chronic Haemodialysis

The course has been successfully run over 3 years, beginning August 2003 and six groups comprising 122 dialysis assistants have been trained at the end of August 2006. The course has achieved a 100 pass rate and all those who completed the course received a Certificate of Clinical Competence.

Activity Highlights

- As part of their training the dialysis assistants visit the Municipal Water Treatment Plant in Batang Berjuntai, Selangor to get an in-depth view of water treatment as lectures emphasise the importance of water treatment in haemodialysis treatment.
- Lectures are given by Consultant Nephrologists on theoretical aspects of haemodialysis treatment.

Target Audience

Those currently working as Dialysis Assistants and those with 6 months renal experience, also working as DA's or its equivalent.