Dialysis Nursing Certification Examination (CDN)

Weights for Blueprint Categories

Content Areas	% of Test
Concepts of kidney disease	27-29%
Hemodialysis	51-53%
Peritoneal dialysis	15-17%
Transplant & Acute therapies	4-5%

Objectives

- 1. Recognize pathologic processes and complications that occur with kidney disease and/or treatment modalities. (17-19%)
- 2. Select interventions appropriate to the pathologic processes and complications that occur with kidney disease and/or treatment modalities. (18-20%)
- 3. Apply physiologic and technical principles of kidney replacement therapies. (17-19%)
- 4. Select appropriate teaching/learning strategies to educate client, family, other health professionals, and the public. (9-11%)
- 5. Select appropriate actions in administering medication(s) to the patient being treated for kidney disease. (11-13%)
- 6. Recognize the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to promote optimum functioning across the continuum of care. (5-7%)
- 7. Select interventions appropriate to the psychological and sociocultural effects of kidney disease. (3-4%)
- 8. Apply principles of infection control. (11-13%)
- 9. Recognize the importance of professional nursing practice in promoting patient outcomes (e.g., consultation, staff development, quality improvement, and research). (1-2%)