

Questions for Stakeholder Meeting- CHT Training Program Regulations

Curriculum

1. Please describe the curriculum your training program uses. What is the minimum number of hours necessary to competently train hemodialysis technicians dedicated to theory and clinical hours in your training modules?
2. How often do you update your curriculum?
3. In addition to the minimum requirements in Business and Professions Code (BPC) 1247.61 (b)(1), what additional subjects would you like to see added to the training program regulations?

Training Program Approval

Currently, to be approved for the CHT training program, the provider must submit the training program application, the curriculum, hours for each module, resume for RN instructors, and copies of the clinical skills checklist and competency exam.

1. What other information should the Department review when approving a CHT training program?
2. Only a hemodialysis clinic or unit within a licensed clinic or hospital, an accredited college, an accredited university, or a private training program may operate a training program. What requirements, if any, should a non-clinic training program meet that are different from a clinic based training program?
3. Other types of training programs submit sample lesson plans for review. Should lesson plans be included in the CHT training program application?
4. What qualifications should CHT training programs assess on the clinical skills checklist? (For example, name of skill tested, date of skill tested, evaluation of skill indicating whether successful or non-successful, methods used to evaluate skill demonstration record, etc.). Besides a clinical skills checklist, what other standards do you use to evaluate student competency? (For example, written exams, lab methods and instruction, observations, etc.).
5. Other types of training programs have a minimum pass rate of 70 percent on the competency exam. What is the minimum score students need to pass the CHT competency exam?
6. How often should the Department renew approval of CHT training program? What should be included in a renewal application process?

Training Program Components/Policies and Procedures

Currently, the Department requires a certified nurse assistant (CNA) training program to provide policies and procedures to govern the administration and management of the training program. The Department is considering adopting similar requirements for the CHT training program.

1. What should be included in the policies and procedures?
2. How often should the Department review the policies and procedures?
3. What should the ratio of instructors to students be in a clinical training setting?
4. BPC 1247.2 (a) defines immediate supervision as supervision of dialysis treatment in the same room in which the dialysis treatment is being performed. How does the CHT training program provide supervision for hemodialysis technicians in training?
5. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that healthcare workers get appropriate vaccinations and immunizations to reduce the chance of staff acquiring or spreading disease. What lab tests do you include in your student health examination?
6. Should CHTs be required to maintain cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification?
7. Federal regulations require all staff have appropriate orientation to the facility and responsibilities. Does your training program provide an orientation program for students? How many hours of orientation do you provide? What topics does your program cover during orientation?
8. Other training programs currently have a requirement to report changes in core curriculum content, training hours, orientation program, and other changes to the program. What sort of changes, if any, should a CHT training program report to CDPH? How long should training programs have to report these changes?

Training Program Administration

Currently, the Department approves the RN instructor of the CHT training program. The RN instructor must have two years of RN experience and at least one year of hemodialysis experience.

1. What other qualifications should the RN instructor have?

What other issues, if any, would you like to see addressed in the CHT training program regulations?