



Certified Dialysis Nurse Examination (CDN®)

Test Specifications (Blueprint)

Weights for Blueprint Categories

<u>Content Areas</u>	<u>% of Test</u>
Concepts of kidney disease	28%
Hemodialysis	54%
Peritoneal dialysis	14%
Transplant & Acute therapies	4%

Objectives

1. Recognize pathologic processes and complications that occur with kidney disease and/or treatment modalities. (20%)
2. Select interventions appropriate to the pathologic processes and complications that occur with kidney disease and/or treatment modalities. (19%)
3. Apply physiologic and technical principles of renal replacement therapies. (20%)
4. Select appropriate teaching/learning strategies to educate client, family, other health professionals, and the public. (6%)
5. Select appropriate actions in administering medication(s) to the patient being treated for kidney disease. (12%)
6. Recognize the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to promote optimum functioning across the continuum of care. (6%)
7. Select interventions appropriate to the psychological and sociocultural effects of kidney disease. (3%)
8. Apply principles of infection control. (12%)
9. Recognize the importance of professional nursing practice in promoting patient outcomes (e.g., consultation, staff development, quality improvement, and research). (2%)

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