The Manitoba Renal Program (MRP) is a clinical program of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA). Primary services offered by the Manitoba Renal Program include hemodialysis care, peritoneal dialysis care, and renal health outreach. Hemodialysis is offered in Winnipeg, Brandon, and rural hospital locations throughout the province.

Manitoba is the only province in Canada that operates a single provincial renal program and funds all dialysis services directly.
The Manitoba Nephrology Nursing Course (MNNC) provides training for dialysis nurses in Manitoba. This is a nine week course that prepares nurses to deliver comprehensive nursing care to nephrology patients and is comprised of the following components:

**Self Learning Package (SLP) and Exam:** The SLP and exam may be completed at any time prior to securing a position within the Manitoba Renal Program (MRP). The SLP provides required knowledge for the nurse beginning advanced study of nephrology theory, clinical practice and preceptorship. It consists of several components that assist in laying the foundation for nephrology nursing. A passing grade of 70% is required on the self learning exam prior to the nurse being accepted into the MNNC. Once completed, it is valid for one year.

**Pre-Entrance Requirements:** In order to enter into the theory, clinical and preceptorship portions of the MNNC, the nurse must have secured a position within the MRP. It is anticipated that the nurse will apply for positions under the MRP mandate without having completed the MNNC. It is understood that the MNNC will be completed during the next course offering prior to commencement of work in the dialysis unit. The MNNC is offered several times throughout the year.

**Theory/Lab:** The theory/lab component is interspersed with the clinical component over a three week period. The theory and labs are offered at the Health Sciences Centre, Isabel M. Stewart Building, Room NA383. The theory and lab component will build upon the SLP and look at the more advanced aspects of renal replacement therapies, with hemodialysis as the focus. Hemodialysis clinical skills that have been learned in theory will be practiced in a laboratory setting. Uniforms will be required during the clinical experience.

**Clinical Experience:** The clinical experience is a continuation of the theory/lab experience. This is an additional three weeks of clinical time. This clinical experience is a time to meld the theory into practice. Clinical experience is provided at Health Sciences Centre, Seven Oaks General Hospital, St Boniface General Hospital and Brandon Regional Health Centre. Attempts will be made for the clinical component to be facilitated at the site with which the student is affiliated, however, due to student numbers and instructor availability, it may be required at an alternate site.

**Preceptorship:** This component is 120 hours of clinical practice under the guidance of an experienced nephrology nurse preceptor.

Nurses receive a wage or stipend for the duration of the nine week course. At the completion of the above, the successful participant will have completed the MNNC requirements at which time they are then considered prepared to work in the position they have previously secured.

**Cost of the Program**

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Textbooks are available from the University of Manitoba Bookstore.