An interest assessment helps identify careers you would enjoy

What activities interest you? Where do your career interests fall? Take the following career interest survey to help you target some general types of careers that interest you from the hundreds of possibilities.

1. Assess how well you’d like to do each work-related activity on pages 2-3 by circling a rating for the activity. Use the rating scale provided on each page.

2. Remove the answer sheet on page 4 to score your assessment. Follow the instructions on the answer sheet.

3. Once you’ve determined your primary, secondary and third highest interest areas using your answer sheet, find the corresponding interest areas on our Exploring Occupations of Interest web page at the following location.

   dlr.sd.gov/lmic/menu_sdcis_groups.aspx

   The six interest groups listed there are the same groups used in the South Dakota Interest Survey. Since people work better in occupations that match their interests and personality, these occupations are grouped to reflect what people with these interest areas like to do.

4. Once you choose an interest area and click on a specific occupation included in that interest area, you will see comprehensive information on that specific occupation in our virtual labor market information system. Look through all the career options in your highest three areas of interest.

5. Use the virtual labor market data system and other resources available from school counselors, teachers, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation local offices or public libraries to explore those occupations further.
1. Design an office building.
2. Broadcast the evening news.
3. Inspect buildings to detect fire hazards.
4. Develop programs to control machining or processing of metal or plastic parts by automatic machines.
5. Plan and oversee the construction of a school.
6. Welcome and seat people in a restaurant.
7. Research an area to see if people there would likely buy a certain product or service.
8. Develop or make changes in computer systems.
9. Read X-rays and ultra sound recordings.
10. Fight fires.
11. Help the elderly with daily living activities.
12. Organize activities like games or crafts for groups of people.
13. Photograph people or nature scenes.
14. Create computer games, videos or commercials using computers.
15. Estimate damage to motor vehicles.
16. Read meters and record the use of electricity or water.
17. Manage a farm or ranch for another owner.
18. Help a customer choose clothes.
19. Treat diseases in animals.
20. Solve problems by applying mathematical formulas or models.
21. Drive a large tractor-trailer truck.
22. Keep a building clean and orderly.
23. Help individuals prevent mental health problems.
24. Teach in an elementary or a high school.
25. Design products that are manufactured such as cars, home appliances or children’s toys.
26. Teach art or drama or music at a college.
27. Design, create and make changes to websites.
28. Compute and record numbers correctly.
29. Coordinate the activities of workers in a bank.
30. Create and promote a public image for an organization through a variety of social media.

Use this Scale
1–Dislike very much
2–Dislike
3–Not sure
4–Like
5–Like very much

31. Conduct experiments with chemicals to develop new products.
32. Perform medical laboratory tests.
33. Trim trees.
34. Care for animals in a kennel.
35. Clean peoples teeth.
36. Help patients feed or dress themselves.
37. Create handmade objects for sale.
38. Cut and style hair or apply makeup for other people.
39. Sort mail for delivery.
40. Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses.
41. Plan and coordinate activities for a convention.
42. Be responsible for the operation of a hotel.
43. Study the needs of communities for housing and schools.
44. Plan nutritious meals for individuals with health concerns.
45. Paint the inside of a house.
46. Service aircraft engines.
47. Lead worship services.
48. Help a patient relearn to walk.
49. Play a musical instrument.
50. Arrange flowers.
51. Keep records for a company on incoming and outgoing materials.
52. Prepare and file correspondence.
53. Buy merchandise or materials for resale.
54. Defend someone in a trial.
55. Diagnose and treat illnesses.
56. Treat dental problems.
57. Repair and open locks.
58. Operate a combine.
59. Plan programs to help patients regain daily living skills after being injured and/or sick.
60. Teach a trade or skill in a vocational-technical school.
61. Perform in a play.
62. Write a novel.
63. Perform secretarial duties using medical knowledge of hospitals, clinics or laboratories.
64. Register and assign rooms to motel guests.
65. Determine policies and provide the overall direction of a company.
66. Arrange and direct all activities related to funerals.
67. Research problems related to farm crops or farm animals.
68. Conduct research to improve human health.
69. Repair stereo systems or install home theatre equipment.
70. Assemble or rebuild machines.
71. Lead people in exercise activities.
72. Serve food to others.
73. Create new dance routines to be performed for an audience.
74. Decorate the interior of an office building or home.
75. Assist lawyers by investigating facts and preparing legal documents.
76. Dispatch work crews to work sites.
77. Investigate crimes or people.
78. Supervise people who prepare and serve food.
79. Treat eye diseases and injuries.
80. Study society and human behavior.
81. Operate power saws and other equipment to make wooden objects.
82. Lay pipe for a water main.
83. Take care of other people’s children.
84. Help people choose a career path.
85. Teach dance.
86. Be a reporter for a newspaper.
87. Interview people for bank loans.
88. Receive and pay out money in a bank.
89. Administer the activities of a hospital.
90. Help passengers on a flight.
91. Design and test electrical equipment.
92. Study the weather.
93. Enforce laws.
94. Perform routine maintenance on machines.
95. Take tickets at a movie theatre.
96. Help clients get available benefits and services.
97. Design a set for a play.
98. Model clothes at a fashion show.
100. Help a pharmacist prepare medications.
101. Help people buy or sell a house.
102. Advise others on financial issues such as investing money and paying taxes.
103. Develop computer applications or programs.
104. Study the physical aspects of the earth.
105. Pilot a passenger airplane.
106. Trim, cut, or prepare meat for customers.
107. Find foster homes for abused or neglected children.
108. Give nursing care to ill or injured patients.

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4–Like
5–Like very much

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South Dakota Interest Survey Answer Sheet

Use this answer sheet to score the results of your interest survey. Transfer your responses for each of the numbered items on pages 2 and 3 to the blanks provided. Add your responses for each of the six interest areas and circle the three groups with the highest total scores. Refer back to the instructions on page 1 for suggestions on using your results.

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**My secondary interest area** *(area with the second highest total score)*

**My third interest area** *(area with the third highest total score)*