

# More South Dakota Hot Careers

Beyond the  
Top **30**

High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster: Health Science



## Licensed Practical Nurses

*Standard Occupational Code 29-2061*

### What They Do

Care for ill, injured or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse

### Is This For You?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Social (Helpers)** — Like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping and curing people. They are good with words.

**Realistic (Doers)** — Prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors and working with their hands.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

**Relationships** — Allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly, non-competitive environment.

**Support** — Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

**Achievement** — Results oriented, allow use of strongest abilities and provide feeling of accomplishment.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Problem Sensitivity
- Written Comprehension

## Basic Skills You Need

- Service Orientation
- Coordination
- Social Perceptiveness
- Active Listening
- Monitoring
- Speaking

## Education & Training

Some postsecondary education in an accredited licensed practical nursing program is recommended in South Dakota. A registered apprenticeship is another option for preparing for this occupation. To learn more, visit [StartTodaySD.com](http://StartTodaySD.com) or contact your local Job Service office to get started.

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) must be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing. For more information, visit <https://>

[doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing](http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing). Prior work experience as a nurse's aid or similar position is helpful.

## Recommended Levels\* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Math	4
Workplace Documents	4
Graphic Literacy	4

\*Using the median skill level.

## Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of LPNs are:

- Ambulatory Health Care Services
- Nursing and Residential Care Facilities
- Hospitals

## South Dakota Employment & Wages

2020 Workers	2030 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
2,046	2,193	147	7.2%	175	\$47,500	\$46,000

## Additional References

### Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic](http://www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic)

### Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

### O\*Net Online

[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

### mySkills myFuture

<https://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

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