



South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career



Career Cluster: Health Science

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)

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, providing direct patient care.

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
- Speech Clarity
- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
- Near Vision
- Speech Recognition
- Written Expression

Basic Skills You Need

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

Education & Training

Some postsecondary education in an accredited licensed practical nursing program is recommended in South Dakota. An apprenticeship is another option for preparing for this occupation. To learn more, visit StartTodaySD.com or contact your local Job Service office to get started.

LPNs must be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing. For more information, visit <https://www.sdbon.org>. 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 licensed practical nurses are:

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities)
- Federal Government

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2022 Employment	2032 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
2,150	2,319	169	7.9%	186	\$49,610	\$49,580

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetonline.org

mySkills myFuture

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

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