



**South Dakota  
High Demand  
&  
High Wage  
Career**



**Career Cluster: Health Science**

# Nurse Practitioners

*Standard Occupational Code 29-1171*

## What They Do

Diagnose and treat acute, episodic, or chronic illness, independently or as part of a healthcare team. May focus on health promotion and disease prevention. May order, perform, or interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and x rays. May prescribe medication. Must be registered nurses who have specialized graduate education.

## 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:

**Investigative (Thinkers)** — Interested in science and logic. They like to analyze, evaluate and solve problems, and enjoy learning and understanding the causes of events.

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

**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.

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

**Independence** — Allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

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

- Inductive Reasoning
- Problem Sensitivity
- Written Comprehension
- Deductive Reasoning
- Near Vision
- Oral Expression
- Written Expression

## Basic Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Complex Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension

## Education & Training

Nurse Practitioners need at least a master's degree in advanced practice nursing, and some employers prefer a more advanced, professional-level degree. In most cases, Nurse Practitioners must have a registered nursing (RN) license before pursuing education to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Nurse Practitioners in South Dakota must be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing. For more information, visit <https://www.sdbon.org/>.

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

Applied Math	6
Workplace Documents	5
Graphic Literacy	4

\*Using the median skill level.

## Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of clinical laboratory technologists and technicians are:

- Offices of Physicians
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Outpatient Care Centers

## South Dakota Employment & Wages

2022 Employment	2032 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
821	1,284	463	56.4%	92	\$122,600	\$122,300

## 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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