



South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster:
Health Care & Human Services



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 Styles (personality tendencies) of people who perform well in this occupation have:

Sincerity — A tendency to be genuine and sincere in interactions with others at work, without concern for personal gain or self-interest.

Adaptability — A tendency to be open to and comfortable with change, new experiences, or ideas at work.

Perseverance — A tendency to exhibit determination and resolve to perform or complete tasks in the face of difficult circumstances or obstacles at work..

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

Work Activities

- Documenting/Recording Information
- Making Decisions and Solving Problems
- Getting Information
- Assisting and Caring for Others

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:

- Ambulatory Health Care Services
- Hospitals
- Administrative and Support Services
- Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2024 Employment	2034 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
959	1,423	464	48.4%	97	\$128,840	\$125,160

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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