Registered Nurses

What They Do
Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management.

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.

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

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
- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
Basic Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Social Perceptiveness
- Service Orientation
- Speaking
- Coordination
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension

Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

- Applied Math  5
- Workplace Documents  5
- Graphic Literacy  4

*Using the median skill level.

Education & Training

A bachelor’s degree in an accredited nursing program is recommended in South Dakota. Registered nurses must be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing. For more information, visit https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing. Although completers of associate degree programs can pass the state Board exam, those with a bachelor’s degree and equal qualifications are normally given preference in most hiring situations.

Where They Work

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

- Hospitals
- Ambulatory Health Care Services
- Nursing and Residential Care Facilities
- Federal Government
- State Government
- Administrative and Support Services
- Educational Services

South Dakota Employment & Wages

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