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South Dakota
High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster: Health Science



Registered Nurses

Standard Occupational Code 29-1141

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.

- Deductive Reasoning
- Problem Sensitivity
- Inductive Reasoning
- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression

Basic Skills You Need

- Social Perceptiveness
- Active Listening
- Coordination
- Critical Thinking
- Service Orientation
- Speaking
- Judgment and Decision Making

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.

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2020 Workers	2030 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
13,436	15,046	1,610	12.0%	899	\$62,920	\$64,500

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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Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Math	5
Workplace Documents	5
Graphic Literacy	4

*Using the median skill level.

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, excluding Education and Hospitals
- Administrative and Support Services

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