



South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career

Career Cluster:
Health Care & Human Services



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.

Conventional (Organizers) — Detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They are accurate and enjoy structure and closure.

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.

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

Work Activities

- Assisting and Caring for Others
- Documenting/Recording Information
- Getting Information

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://www.sdbon.org/>. 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.

A registered 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.

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
- Administrative and Support Services
- Federal Government
- Educational 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
14,208	16,133	1,925	13.6%	946	\$78,060	\$77,140

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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