Audiologist

What They Do
Assess and treat persons with hearing and related disorders. May perform research related to hearing problems.

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 – involve working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking.

Social – involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. Involve helping or providing service to others.

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.

Working Conditions – offer job security and good working conditions.

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

- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Problem Sensitivity
Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking
- Active Learning

Education & Training

Audiologist positions require a **doctoral or professional degree in speech-language pathology, audiology, or a related program.** Audiologists are required to be certified by the South Dakota Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists.

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

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Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of audiologists are:

- Offices of Other Health Practitioners
- Health and Personal Care Stores
- Offices of Physicians
- Educational Support Services
- Specialty Hospitals

SD Employment & Wages

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Additional References

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