

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Dentist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1021.00

## What They Do

Examine, diagnose, and treat diseases, injuries, and malformations of teeth and gums. May treat diseases of nerve, pulp, and other dental tissues affecting oral hygiene and retention of teeth. May fit dental appliances or provide preventive care.

## 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.

**Realistic** – involve work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

**Social** – involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

**Independence** – allow employees to work on their own and make decisions

**Achievement** – results oriented and allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

**Relationships** – all employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

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

- Finger Dexterity
- Problem Sensitivity
- Arm-Hand Steadiness
- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning

## Skills You Need

- Critical Thinking
- Judgement and Decision Making
- Active Listening
- Complex Problem Solving
- Monitoring

## Education & Training

Dentists require a **doctoral or professional degree in dentistry or a related program.**

Dentists are required to be licensed by the South Dakota State Board of Dentistry.

## Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	4
Reading for Information	6
Locating Information	5

## Where They Work

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

- Private Practice
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners

## SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
510	580	70	13%	20	\$136,240

## Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.gov/lmic](http://www.dlr.gov/lmic)

Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

O\*Net Online

[www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org)

mySkills myFuture

[www.myskillsmyfuture.org](http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org)

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