

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Dietitian

Standard Occupational Code 29-1031.00

What They Do

Plan and conduct food service or nutritional programs to assist in the promotion of health and control of disease. May supervise activities of a department providing quantity food services, counsel individuals, or conduct nutritional research.

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

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

Enterprising – involves starting up and carrying out projects. Involves leading people and making many decisions.

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.

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.

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

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

Skills You Need

- Reading Comprehension
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Speaking
- Coordination
- Instructing
- Learning Strategies

Education & Training

Dietitians require a **bachelor's degree from an Accreditation Council for Education of Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) accredited program, and an ACEND accredited internship**. Beginning in 2024, a graduate degree will be required to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. Dietitians must be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners.

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
180	190	10	7%	0	\$52,870

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.gov/mic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org

mySkills myFuture

www.myskillsmyfuture.org

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	5
Reading for Information	5
Locating Information	5
Business Writing	3
Workplace Observation	3
Listening for Understanding	2

Where They Work

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

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- State Government
- Nursing Care Facilities
- Federal Government
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners

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