

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Healthcare Social Worker

Standard Occupational Code 21-1022.00

What They Do

Provide individuals, families, and groups with the psychosocial support needed to cope with chronic, acute, or terminal illnesses. Services include advising family care givers, providing patient education and counseling, and making referrals for other services. May also provide care and case management or interventions designed to promote health, prevent disease, and address barriers to access to healthcare.

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

Investigative – involve working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking. Involve searching for facts and figuring out problems mentally.

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 – allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

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

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

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

Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Critical Thinking
- Coordination

Education & Training

Healthcare social workers require a **master's degree in social work, psychology, sociology, or a related program.**

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

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

Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of healthcare social workers are:

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Nursing Care Facilities
- Residential Mental Health Facilities
- Offices of Physicians
- Local Government

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
500	550	50	9%	20	\$38,090

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

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Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org

mySkills myFuture

www.myskillsmyfuture.org

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