

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Licensed Practical Nurse

Standard Occupational Code 29-2061.00

What They Do

Care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.

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.

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

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

Support – offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

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
- Problem Sensitivity
- Speech Clarity
- Written Comprehension

Skills You Need

- Service Orientation
- Active Listening
- Coordination
- Monitoring
- Reading Comprehension
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Time Management

Education & Training

Licensed practical nurses need **to complete a training program less than or at an associate degree level in nursing**. Licensed practical nurses are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing.

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
2,020	2,040	20	1%	60	\$36,080

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	4
Reading for Information	5
Locating Information	4

Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of licensed practical nurses are:

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Other Ambulatory Health Care Services
- State Government
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners

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South Dakota Dept. of Labor Regulation
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