

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Massage Therapist

Standard Occupational Code 31-9011.00

What They Do

Perform therapeutic massages of soft tissues and joints. May assist in the assessment of range of motion and muscle strength, or propose client therapy plans.

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 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 way.

Achievement – results orientated and 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
- Dynamic Strength
- Manual Dexterity
- Oral Expression
- Trunk Strength

Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Speaking
- Social Perceptiveness
- Service Orientation
- Critical Thinking
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Writing
- Complex Problem Solving

Education & Training

Massage therapists need **vocational training and a post-secondary certificate**. Massage therapists are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy.

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
150	170	20	14%	0	\$34,640

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	3
Reading for Information	5
Locating Information	4

Where They Work

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

- Offices of Other Health Practitioners
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Personal Care Services
- Offices of Physicians
- Civic and Social Organizations

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