

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Nurse Practitioner

Standard Occupational Code 29-1171.00

What They Do

Diagnose and treat illnesses independently or as part of a healthcare team. May focus on health promotion and disease prevention. May order, perform or interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and x rays. May prescribe medication. Nurse Practitioners are also referred to as Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).

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 (Helpers) – like to work with other people. They enjoyed teaching, helping and curing people. They are good with words.

Investigative (Thinkers) – interested in science and logic. They like to analyze, evaluate and solve problems, and enjoy learning and understanding the causes of events.

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 oriented, allow use of strongest abilities and provide 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
- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
- Oral Expression
- Problem Sensitivity
- Written Comprehension

Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Active Learning
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension

Education & Training

Nurse Practitioner positions require a master's degree in a specialized program. They must be licensed Registered Nurses before taking the master's degree program. Most Nurse Practitioner programs prefer a bachelor's degree in nursing, but some allow those with an associates degree or diploma in registered nursing or bachelor's degree in a different health science field. Nurse Practitioners must be licensed in South Dakota.

For more information, visit

<http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursings>.

Preferred Levels* for the National Career Readiness

Applied Mathematics	6
Reading for Information	5
Locating Information	4
Business Writing	4
Workplace Observation	4
Listening for Understanding	4

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

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

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
423	526	103	24.4%	20	\$94,676

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org

mySkills myFuture

<http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

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