Target Group:

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, preform 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

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*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

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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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