

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Standard Occupational Code 31-2011.00

What They Do

Assist occupational therapists in providing occupational therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, direct activity programs, and document the progress of treatments. Generally requires formal training.

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 – involves working with, communicating with, and teaching people.

Realistic – involves 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.

Working Conditions – Offer job security and good working conditions.

Achievement – Results oriented occupation that allows employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

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

- Oral Expression
- Oral Comprehension
- Problem Sensitivity
- Written Comprehension

Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Speaking
- Reading Comprehension
- Social Perceptiveness
- Time Management
- Writing
- Service Orientation
- Judgement and Decision Making

Education & Training

Occupational therapy assistants need **an associate's degree in occupational therapy assistant studies or related program.**

Occupational therapy assistants are required to be certified and licensed by the South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners.

Employment & Wages*

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Median Annual Wage
33,000	47,100	15,100	43%	\$36,620

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	4
Locating Information	4

Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of occupational therapy assistants are:

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Other Hospitals
- Nursing Care Facilities
- Local Government Educational Services
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners

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South Dakota Dept. of Labor Regulation
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