

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Occupational Therapist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1122.00

What They Do

Assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that help build or restore vocational, homemaking, and daily living skills, as well as general independence, to persons with disabilities or developmental delays.

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.

Investigative – involves working with ideas, and requires an extensive amount of thinking.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

Relationships – allows employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

Achievement – results oriented and allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

Working Conditions – offer job security and good working conditions.

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

- Problem Sensitivity
- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Written Comprehension

Skills You Need

- Monitoring
- Service Orientation
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Reading Comprehension
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking

Education & Training

Occupational therapists need **at least a master’s degree in occupational therapy**. Occupational therapists are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners.

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	4
Reading for Information	6
Locating Information	4

Where They Work

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

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

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
300	350	50	15%	10	\$62,460

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

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