

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Pharmacist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1051.00

What They Do

Dispense drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners and provide information to patients about medications and their use. May advise physicians and other health practitioners on the selection, dosage, interactions, and side effects of medications.

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:

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

Conventional – involves following set procedures and routines.

Social – involves working with, communicating with, and teaching people. May involve helping or providing service to others.

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

Recognition – Offer advancement, potential for leadership, and may be considered prestigious.

Support - Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

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

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

- Oral Comprehension
- Written Comprehension
- Near Vision
- Oral Expression
- Problem Sensitivity

Skills You Need

- Reading Comprehension
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Instructing
- Monitoring
- Service Orientation
- Speaking
- Writing

Education & Training

Pharmacists need a **doctoral or professional degree in pharmacy or related program.**

Pharmacists are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Pharmacy.

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
1,170	1,220	50	4%	30	\$112,760

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	6
Reading for Information	6
Locating Information	5

Where They Work

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

- Health and Personal Care Stores
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Department Stores
- Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses
- Grocery Stores

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South Dakota Dept. of Labor Regulation
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