

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Physician

Standard Occupational Code 29-1062.00

What They Do

Physicians diagnose, treat, and help prevent diseases and injuries that commonly occur in the general population. They may refer patients to specialists when needed for further diagnosis or treatment.

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 – Interested in science and logic. They like to analyze, evaluate, and solve problems, and enjoy learning and understanding the causes of events.

Social – Like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping, and curing people. They are good with words.

Realistic - Enjoy work activities that involve 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.

Achievement – Results oriented, allow use of strongest abilities and provide feeling of accomplishment.

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

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

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

Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Judgement and Decision Making
- Reading Comprehension
- Writing
- Complex Problem Solving
- Science
- Speaking

Education & Training

Physicians need a **doctoral or professional degree in medicine**. Physicians 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	5
Reading for Information	6
Locating Information	5

Where They Work

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

- Offices of Physicians
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- State Government

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
370	390	20	4%	10	\$187,200

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

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center
South Dakota Dept. of Labor Regulation
605.626.2314

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