

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

# Podiatrist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1081.00

## What They Do

Diagnose and treat diseases and deformities of the human foot.

## 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. Involves searching for facts and figuring out problems mentally.

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

**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:

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

**Independence** – allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

**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:

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

## Skills You Need

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

## Education & Training

Podiatrists need a **doctoral or professional degree in podiatry**. Podiatrists are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Podiatry Examiners.

## Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	5
Reading for Information	5
Locating Information	5

## Where They Work

Industries which employ the largest number of podiatrists are:

- Offices of Physicians
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Public Health Agencies
- Elderly Care Facilities

## Employment & Wages\*

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Median Annual Wage
9,600	11,000	2,400	14%	\$119,340

## Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.gov/mic](http://www.dlr.gov/mic)

Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

O\*Net Online

[www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org)

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