

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Psychologist

Standard Occupational Code 19-3031.00

What They Do

Diagnose or evaluate mental and emotional disorders of individuals through observation, interview, and psychological tests, and formulate and administer programs of 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 – 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. Often involve helping or providing service to others.

Artistic – involves working with forms, designs and patterns. Often require self-expression and the work can be done without following a clear set of rules.

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 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.

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

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

Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Complex Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Active Learning
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation

Education & Training

Psychologists need a **master’s or doctoral degree in psychology or related program**. Clinical psychologists are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Examiners of Psychology.

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	6
Reading for Information	7
Locating Information	6
Business Writing	5
Workplace Observation	3
Listening for Understanding	5

Where They Work

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

- State Government
- Offices of Physicians
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Outpatient Care Centers

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
380	410	30	7%	10	\$71,590

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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