Registered Nurse

What They Do
Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration required.

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.

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

Conventional – involve following set procedures and routines.

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

Support – offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

Relationships – allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers

Achievement - Results oriented occupation that allows employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

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

- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Problem Sensitivity
- Deductive Reasoning
Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Social Perceptiveness
- Service Orientation
- Speaking
- Coordination
- Critical thinking
- Reading Comprehension
- Judgement and Decision Making

Education & Training

Registered nurses need at least an associate’s degree in nursing. Registered nurses are required to be licensed by South Dakota Board of Nursing.

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

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Where They Work

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

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Other Ambulatory Health Care Services
- State Government
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners

SD Employment & Wages

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Additional References

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