

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Rehabilitation Counselor

Standard Occupational Code 21-1015.00

What They Do

Counsel individuals to maximize the independence and employability of persons coping with personal, social, and vocational difficulties that result from birth defects, illness, disease, accidents, or the stress of daily life. Coordinate activities for residents of care and treatment facilities. Assess client needs and design and implement rehabilitation programs that may include personal and vocational counseling, training, and job placement.

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 searching for facts and figuring out problems mentally.

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

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

Achievement – allows employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

Support – offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

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
- Speech Clarity
- Written Comprehension
- Written Expression

Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Social Perceptiveness
- Monitoring
- Speaking
- Critical Thinking
- Coordination
- Service Orientation
- Writing

Education & Training

Rehabilitation counselors need **at least a bachelor's degree in guidance counseling or psychology**. Rehabilitation counselors are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists.

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
410	450	40	12%	10	\$38,970

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	3
Reading for Information	5
Locating Information	4
Business Writing	3
Workplace Observation	3
Listening for Understanding	4

Where They Work

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

- Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- State Government
- Other Residential Care Facilities
- Residential Mental Health Facilities
- Individual and Family Services

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