

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Nurse Midwife

Standard Occupational Code 29-1161.00

What They Do

Diagnose and coordinate all aspects of the birthing process, either independently or as part of a healthcare team. May provide well-woman gynecological care. Must have specialized, graduate nursing education.

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:

Social - Enjoy working with, communicating with, and teaching people. They like helping or providing service to others.

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

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 occupation that allows 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:

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

Skills You Need

- Active Listening – Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times
- Critical Thinking – Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems
- Social Perceptiveness – Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do
- Speaking – Talking to others to convey information effectively
- Active Learning – Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision making

Education & Training

Nurse midwives need **at least a master's degree in midwifery or related program after becoming a registered nurse**. Nurse midwives are required to become certified and licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing.

Where They Work

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

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Birthing Centers

US Employment & Wages

2016 Workers	2026 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Median Annual Wage
6,500	7,800	1,300	21%	\$103,770

Activities: what you might do in day

- Treat medical emergencies
- Examine patients to assess general physical condition
- Measure the physical or physiological attributes of patients
- Explain medical procedures or test results to patients or family members
- Care for women during pregnancy and childbirth
- Develop medical treatment plans
- Order medical diagnostic or clinical tests
- Analyze test data or images to inform diagnosis or treatment
- Record patient medical histories

Additional References

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

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