Standard Occupational Code 29-1081.00

Podiatrist

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

Social – Like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping, and curing people. They are good with words.

Realistic - Enjoy work activities that involve 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 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.

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 – 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 solution, conclusions or approaches to problems.
- Reading Comprehension – Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.
- 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

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

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*

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Activities: what you might do in a day

- Operate on patients to treat conditions
- Diagnose medical conditions
- Analyze test data or images to inform diagnosis or treatment
- Prescribe treatments or therapies
- Prescribe assistive medical devices or related treatments
- Prescribe medications
- Advice patients on preventive care techniques
- Treat chronic diseases or disorders
- Refer patients to other healthcare practitioners or health resources
- Fabricate medical devices

Additional References

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www.careeronestop.org

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