

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 – 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
- Social Perceptiveness – Being aware of others’ reactions and understanding why they react as they do
- Speaking – Talking to others to convey information effectively
- Complex Problem Solving – Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions
- Critical Thinking – Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems

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

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

2016 Workers	2026 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
350	390	40	11%	30	\$68,780

Activities: what you might do in a day

- Counsel clients on mental health or personal achievement
- Diagnose neural or psychological disorders
- Confer with clients to exchange information
- Prepare scientific or technical reports or presentations
- Advise others on healthcare matters
- Collect archival data
- Collect information from people through observation, interviews, or surveys
- Administer standardized physical or psychological tests
- Design psychological or education treatment procedures or programs

Additional References

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org