

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Registered Nurse

Standard Occupational Code 29-1141.00

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.

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 (Helpers) – like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping and curing people. They are good with words.

Investigative (Thinkers) – 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:

Support - Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

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.

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
- Written Comprehension
- Speech Clarity
- Speech Recognition
- Deductive 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
- Service Orientation – Actively looking for ways to help people
- Speaking – Talking to others to convey information effectively
- Coordination – Adjusting actions in relation to others’ actions
- Critical Thinking – Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems
- Reading Comprehension – Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents

Education & Training

Registered nurses positions require an associate degree in nursing or a related program. Some employers prefer those with a bachelor’s degree in nursing. Registered nurses are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing. For more information, visit <http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing>.

Where They Work

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

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities)
- Home Healthcare Services

SD Employment & Wages

2016 Workers	2026 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
12,330	14,050	1,730	14%	840	\$57,510

Activities: what you might do in a day

- Maintain medical facility records
- Administer non-intravenous medications
- Monitor patient conditions during treatments, procedures, or activities
- Record patient medical histories
- Inform medical professionals regarding patient conditions and care
- Administer anesthetics or sedatives to control pain
- Collaborate with healthcare professionals to plan or provide treatment
- Evaluate patient outcomes to determine effectiveness of treatments
- Treat acute illnesses, infections, or injuries

Additional References

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org