

## Target Group:



# Physician Assistant

## What They Do

Physician Assistants provide healthcare services typically performed by a physician, under the supervision of a physician. Conduct complete physicals, provide treatment, and counsel patients.

## Is This For You?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories by [careerinfront.org](http://careerinfront.org). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**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.

**Monitoring** – Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.

**Critical Thinking** – Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.

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

**Speaking** – Talking to others to convey information effectively

**Judgement and Decision Making**– Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Oral Comprehension
- Problem Sensitivity
- Written Comprehension
- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning

## Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Monitoring
- Reading Comprehension
- Critical Thinking
- Judgement and Decision Making
- Speaking

## Where They Work

Physician Assistants mainly work in hospitals, clinics, federal government, government agencies, nursing homes, rural and urban clinics, and student health services.

## Education & Training

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Bachelor's degree and then attend a 2 year physician assistant program
- Pass the examination at the end of the program to become licensed

## SD Employment & Wages

2014 to 2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
1.6% increase	.5	41.1	510	\$99,270

## Additional References

### Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

### O\*Net Online

[online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org)