

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Art Therapist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1125.01

What They Do

Plan or conduct therapy sessions using the creative process of art to improve clients' physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being.

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.

Artistic – Interested in self-expression and working with forms and patterns. The work can be done without following a clear set of rules.

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, allow use of strongest abilities and provide 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
- Speech Clarity
- Inductive Reasoning
- Problem Sensitivity

Skills You Need

- Social Perceptiveness
- Active Listening
- Speaking
- Critical Thinking
- Judgement and Decision Making
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation
- Writing

Education & Training

Art therapists require a **bachelor’s degree in art therapy or a related program.**

SD Employment & Wages

| 2012 Workers | 2022 Workers | Numeric Change | Percent Change | Average Annual Demand for Workers | Median Annual Wage |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 35 | 35 | 0 | 0% | 1 | \$35,900 |

Additional References

South Dakota Career InSite

www.sdjobs.org/careerinsite

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

online.onetcenter.org

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

| | Median Skill Level |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Applied Mathematics | 4 |
| Reading for Information | 5 |
| Locating Information | 4 |

Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of art therapists are:

- State Government Educational Services
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Colleges and Universities
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners
- Local Government Educational Services

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