

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Dietitian

Standard Occupational Code 29-1031.00

## What They Do

Plan and conduct food service or nutritional programs to assist in the promotion of health and control of disease. May supervise activities of a department providing quantity food services, counsel individuals, or conduct nutritional research.

## 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** - Enjoy working with, communicating with, and teaching people. They like helping or providing service to others.

**Enterprising** – Enjoy starting up projects and leading people to carry them out.

**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.

**Independence** - Allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

**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:

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

## Skills You Need

- Reading Comprehension
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Speaking
- Coordination
- Instructing
- Learning Strategies

## Education & Training

Dietitians require a **bachelor's degree from an Accreditation Council for Education of Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) accredited program, and an ACEND accredited internship**. Beginning in 2024, a graduate degree will be required to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist. Dietitians must be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Medical & Osteopathic Examiners.

## SD Employment & Wages

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
195	215	20	10.3%	4	\$51,500

## Additional References

### South Dakota Career InSite

[www.sdjobs.org/careerinsite](http://www.sdjobs.org/careerinsite)

### Career OneStop

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

### O\*Net Online

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

## Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	5
Reading for Information	5
Locating Information	5

## Where They Work

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

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- State Government
- Nursing Care Facilities
- Federal Government
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners

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