

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Licensed Practical Nurse

Standard Occupational Code 29-2061.00

## What They Do

Care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.

## 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** – Like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping, and curing people. They are good with words.

**Realistic** - Enjoy work activities that involve practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

**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.

**Support** - Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

**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
- Speech Clarity
- Written Comprehension

## Skills You Need

- Service Orientation
- Active Listening
- Coordination
- Monitoring
- Reading Comprehension
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Time Management

## Education & Training

Licensed practical nurses need **to complete a training program less than or at an associate degree level in nursing**. Licensed practical nurses are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing.

## 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 licensed practical nurses are:

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Other Ambulatory Health Care Services
- State Government
- Offices of Other Health Practitioners

## SD Employment & Wages

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
2,135	2,380	245	11.5%	76	\$35,000

## 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)

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