

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Nurse Practitioner

Standard Occupational Code 29-1171.00

## What They Do

Diagnose and treat acute, episodic, or chronic illness, independently or as part of a healthcare team. May focus on health promotion and disease prevention. May order, perform, or interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and x rays. May prescribe medication. Must be registered nurses who have specialized graduate education.

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

**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:

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

## Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Active Learning
- Critical Thinking
- Reading Comprehension
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Complex Problem Solving
- Judgment Problem Solving

## Education & Training

Nurse practitioners need a **master’s degree in a nurse practitioner program after becoming a registered nurse**. Nurse Practitioners are required to be certified and licensed by the South Dakota Board of Nursing.

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

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	5
Reading for Information	6
Locating Information	5

## Where They Work

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

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

## SD Employment & Wages

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
360	440	80	22.2%	15	\$89,200

## 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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