

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Psychologist

Standard Occupational Code 19-3031.00

What They Do

Diagnose or evaluate mental and emotional disorders of individuals through observation, interview, and psychological tests, and formulate and administer programs of treatment.

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.

Artistic – Interested in self-expression and working with forms and patterns.

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:

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

Skills You Need

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

Education & Training

Psychologists need a **master's or doctoral degree in psychology or related program**. Clinical psychologists are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Examiners of Psychology.

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 psychologists are:

- State Government
- Offices of Physicians
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Outpatient Care Centers

SD Employment & Wages

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
315	340	25	7.9%	11	\$68,370

Additional References

South Dakota Career InSite

www.sdjobs.org/careerinsite

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

online.onetcenter.org

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