

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Recreational Therapist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1125.00

What They Do

Plan, direct, or coordinate medically-approved recreation programs for patients in hospitals, nursing homes, or other institutions. Activities include sports, trips, dramatics, social activities, and arts and crafts. May assess a patient condition and recommend appropriate recreational activity.

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.

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 Expression
- Oral Comprehension
- Problem Sensitivity
- Speech Clarity

Skills You Need

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

Education & Training

Recreational therapists need a **bachelor's degree in recreational therapy or 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 recreational therapists are:

- State Government
- Nursing Care Facilities
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Other Hospitals
- Outpatient Care Centers

Visit www.sdjobs.org/lmic/occprofiles to obtain the most recent workforce data and trends. Also available are explanations of the terms used for work interests, work values, abilities, and skills sections of occupational profiles.