

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Rehabilitation Counselor

Standard Occupational Code 21-1015.00

What They Do

Counsel individuals to maximize the independence and employability of persons coping with personal, social, and vocational difficulties that result from birth defects, illness, disease, accidents, or the stress of daily life. Coordinate activities for residents of care and treatment facilities. Assess client needs and design and implement rehabilitation programs that may include personal and vocational counseling, training, and job placement.

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.

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
- Speech Clarity
- Written Comprehension
- Written Expression

Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Social Perceptiveness
- Monitoring
- Speaking
- Critical Thinking
- Coordination
- Service Orientation
- Writing

Education & Training

Rehabilitation counselors need **at least a bachelor's degree in guidance counseling or psychology**. Rehabilitation counselors are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists.

SD Employment & Wages

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
365	405	40	11.0%	12	\$36,000

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	3
Reading for Information	4
Locating Information	3

Where They Work

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

- Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- State Government
- Other Residential Care Facilities
- Residential Mental Health Facilities
- Individual and Family Services

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