

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Respiratory Therapist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1126.00

## What They Do

Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. Assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient records; and select, assemble, check, and operate equipment.

## 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.

**Investigative** - Interested in science and logic. They like to analyze, evaluate, and enjoy solving problems.

**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.

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

**Recognition** – Offer advancement, potential for leadership, and may be considered prestigious.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Inductive Reasoning
- Oral Expression
- Problem Sensitivity
- Deductive Reasoning
- Information Ordering

## Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Monitoring
- Speaking
- Active Learning
- Reading Comprehension
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness

## Education & Training

Respiratory therapists need **an associate's degree in respiratory therapy.**

## SD Employment & Wages

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
335	380	45	13.4%	9	\$47,700

## 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)

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

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

## Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of respiratory therapists are:

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Consumer Goods Rental
- Local Government
- Federal Government
- Health and Personal Care Stores

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