



Audiologist

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What They Do

Assess and treat persons with hearing and related disorders. May perform research related to hearing problems.

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 – Working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking. These occupations can involve searching for facts and figuring out problems mentally.

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.

Working Conditions – Offer job security and good working conditions.

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

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

Skills You Need

- Active Listening – Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.
- Critical Thinking – Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.
- Reading Comprehension – Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.
- Speaking – Talking to others to convey information effectively.
- Active Learning – Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decisions-making.

Education & Training

Audiologist positions require a **doctoral or professional degree in speech-language pathology, audiology, or a related program**. Audiologists are required to be certified by the South Dakota Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists.

Where They Work

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

- Offices of Other Health Practitioners
- Health and Personal Care Stores
- Offices of Physicians
- Educational Support Services
- Specialty Hospitals

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Demand for Workers	Average Annual Wage
40	50	10	21%	2	\$75,980

Activities: what you might do in a day

- Test patient hearing.
- Operate diagnostic or therapeutic medical instruments or equipment.
- Examine patients to assess general physical condition.
- Adjust prostheses or other assistive devices.
- Record patient medical histories.
- Analyze test data or images to inform diagnosis or treatment.
- Enter patient or treatment data into computers.
- Train patients, family members, or caregivers in techniques for managing disabilities or illnesses.
- Refer patients to other healthcare practitioners or health resources.

Additional References

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

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