

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Nurse Practitioner

Standard Occupational Code 29-1171.00

What They Do

Diagnose and treat illnesses independently or as part of a healthcare team. May focus on health promotion and disease prevention. May order, perform or interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and x rays. May prescribe medication. Nurse Practitioners are also referred to as Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).

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 (Helpers) – like to work with other people. They enjoyed teaching, helping and curing people. They are good with words.

Investigative (Thinkers) – interested in science and logic. They like to analyze, evaluate and solve problems, and enjoy learning and understanding the causes of events.

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

Skills You Need

- Active Listening – Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making
- 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
- Social Perceptiveness – Being aware of others’ reactions and understanding why they react as they do.

SD Employment & Wages

2016 Workers	2026 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
460	600	140	31%	40	\$100,440

Activities: what you might do in a day

- Analyze test data or images to inform diagnosis or treatment
- Prescribe medications
- Diagnose medical conditions
- Prescribe treatments or therapies
- Treat acute illnesses, infections, or injuries
- Train patients, family members, or caregivers in technique for managing disabilities or illnesses
- Record patient medical histories
- Order medical diagnostic or clinical tests
- Operate diagnostic imaging equipment

Education & Training

Nurse Practitioner positions require a master’s degree in a specialized program. They must be licensed Registered Nurses before taking the master’s degree program. Most Nurse Practitioner programs prefer a bachelor’s degree in nursing, but some allow those with an associates degree or diploma in registered nursing or bachelor’s degree in a different health science field. Nurse Practitioners must be licensed in South Dakota. For more information, visit <http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursings>.

Where They Work

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

- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians

Additional References

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org