

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

# Podiatrist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1081.00

## What They Do

Diagnose and treat diseases and deformities of the human foot.

## 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.

**Realistic** - Enjoy work activities that involve practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

**Achievement** – Results oriented occupation that allows employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

**Independence** – Allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

**Relationships** – Allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

**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
- Problem Sensitivity
- Oral Expression
- Oral 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 solution, 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 decision-making

## Education & Training

Podiatrists need a **doctoral or professional degree in podiatry**. Podiatrists are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Podiatry Examiners.

## Where They Work

Industries which employ the largest number of podiatrists are:

- Offices of Physicians
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Public Health Agencies
- Elderly Care Facilities

## Employment & Wages\*

2016 Workers	2026 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Median Annual Wage
11,000	12,200	1,200	10%	\$129,550

## Activities: what you might do in a day

- Operate on patients to treat conditions
- Diagnose medical conditions
- Analyze test data or images to inform diagnosis or treatment
- Prescribe treatments or therapies
- Prescribe assistive medical devices or related treatments
- Prescribe medications
- Advise patients on preventive care techniques
- Treat chronic diseases or disorders
- Refer patients to other healthcare practitioners or health resources
- Fabricate medical devices

## Additional References

### Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

### O\*Net Online

[online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org)