







Nursing is part of the Health Sciences career cluster. Careers in the Health Sciences cluster involve helping people and animals with the medical care they need to get or stay healthy.

CAREER TITLE	MID-RANGE ANNUAL SALARY IN SD	SD PROJECTED ANNUAL OPENINGS	DEGREE TYPICALLY ACQUIRED
<p>NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA)</p> <p>Provide or assist with basic care or support under the direction of onsite licensed nursing staff. Perform duties such as monitoring of health status, feeding, bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, or ambulation of patients in a health or nursing facilities.</p>	\$24,400 – \$32,200	774	 CERTIFICATE
<p>LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES (LPN)</p> <p><i>HOT CAREER IN SD</i></p> <p>Care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.</p>	\$34,300 – \$45,700	159	 DIPLOMA
<p>REGISTERED NURSE (RN)</p> <p><i>HOT CAREER IN SD</i></p> <p>Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration required.</p>	\$51,600 – \$70,000	907	 ASSOCIATE OR  BACHELOR
<p>NURSE PRACTITIONERS</p> <p>Diagnose and treat acute, episodic, or chronic illness, 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. Must be registered nurses who have specialized graduate education.</p>	\$90,500 – \$118,000	48	 GRADUATE
<p>NURSE ANESTHETISTS</p> <p>Administer anesthesia, monitor patient's vital signs, and oversee patient recovery from anesthesia. May assist anesthesiologists, surgeons, other physicians, or dentists. Must be registered nurses who have specialized graduate education.</p>	\$175,700 – \$208,000	27	 GRADUATE