

A collection of medical and dental supplies is arranged on a solid blue background. In the upper left, a pair of white nitrile gloves is partially visible. Below them are a pair of black-rimmed glasses and a dental mirror. To the left of the mirror is a dental probe and a dental explorer. A black stethoscope with silver-colored binaurals and a chest piece is draped across the lower left, resting on a green surgical mask. The text 'YOU ARE THE CURE!' is written in a large, white, serif font, slanted upwards to the right. Below it, the text 'Your Career in South Dakota Healthcare Awaits' is written in a white, cursive script font, also slanted upwards to the right.

YOU ARE THE CURE!

*Your Career in South Dakota
Healthcare Awaits*

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Did you know healthcare careers that provide direct patient care are among the fastest growing professions in South Dakota?

Jobs in healthcare are projected to make up 10% of South Dakota's new jobs between 2020-2026! Healthcare in South Dakota is forecasted to be one of the state's largest growth industries over the next decade.

*Sources: SD Health Care Workforce Needs Assessment 2018;
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2019*

Have you ever wondered what you want to be when you grow up? Have you dreamed of where you will live when you grow up? This booklet is provided to give you a glimpse of what a job in healthcare in South Dakota looks like.

DREAM BIG! YOU ARE THE CURE!





Physical Therapist



PT Assistant



Occupational Therapist



Respiratory Therapist

Physical Therapist:

- Doctoral Degree
- \$77,130 Average Salary
- University of South Dakota

Physical Therapist Assistant:

- Associate Degree
- \$43,180 Average Salary
- Lake Area Tech

Occupational Therapist:

- Master's or Doctoral Degree
- \$72,370 Average Salary
- University of South Dakota

Respiratory Therapist:

- Associate or Bachelor's Degree
- \$52,750 Average Salary
- South Dakota State University

**Therapy
careers
help patients
rebuild their
strength in
many ways!**



We help treat your pain and injury!



Athletic Trainer:

- Bachelor's or Master's Degree
- \$45,660 Average Salary
- South Dakota State University, Augustana University, Dakota Wesleyan University



Massage Therapist:

- Post-secondary Certificate
- \$32,620 Average Salary
- 500 hour training and education from SD Board of Massage Therapy approved program



Physician Assistant:

- Master's Degree
- \$107,270 Average Salary
- University of South Dakota

Physician & Surgeon:

- Doctoral Degree
- \$219,360 Average Salary (Family Medicine Physician)
- \$285,320 Average Salary (Surgeon)
- University of South Dakota



EMT & Paramedic:

- Post-secondary Non-degree Award or Associate Degree
- \$32,620 Average Salary
- Lake Area Tech, Western Dakota Tech, School Of EMS, University of South Dakota, University of Sioux Falls



Diagnostic Medical Sonographer:

- Associate Degree
- \$63,440 Average Salary
- Southeast Tech



Home Health Aide:

- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- \$26,840 Average Salary

EMPATHY

/ˈempəTHē/ noun

the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience fully communicated in an objective manner.



Certified Nursing Aide:

- Post-secondary Non-degree Award
- \$28,120 Average Salary
- Completion of SD Board of Nursing approved nurse aide training program

Licensed Practical Nurse:

- Associate Degree
- \$38,760 Average Salary
- Lake Area Tech, Southeast Tech, Western Dakota Tech, Sinte Gleska University, Sisseton Wahpeton College, Mitchell Tech

Registered Nurse:

- Associate or Bachelor's Degree
- \$59,540 Average Salary
- (AAS) Oglala Lakota College, Lake Area Tech, Western Dakota Tech, Southeast Tech
- (BSN) Augustana University, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mount Marty College, Presentation College, South Dakota State University, University of Sioux Falls, University of South Dakota

Nurse Anesthetist & Practitioner:

- Master's or Doctoral Degree
- \$102,230 Average Salary (NP)
- \$190,880 Average Salary (CRNA)
- CRNA: Mount Marty College
- NP: Mount Marty College, South Dakota State University, Presentation College, University of South Dakota

Medical Assistant:

- Post-secondary Diploma or Associate Degree
- \$31,130 Average Salary
- Presentation College, Lake Area Tech, Mitchell Tech, Southeast Tech, Western Dakota Tech

Pharmacy Technician:

- Post-secondary Diploma
- \$34,380 Average Salary
- Southeast Tech, Western Dakota Tech



Phlebotomist:

- Post-secondary Certificate or Diploma
- \$27,950 Average Salary
- Southeast Tech, Western Dakota Tech

Radiologic Technologist:

- Associate or Bachelor's Degree
- \$53,210 Average Salary
- Presentation College, Mitchell Tech, Avera Sacred Heart, Avera McKennan, Sanford USD Medical Center, Mount Marty College, University of Sioux Falls



Medical Assistant



Pharmacy Technician



Phlebotomist



Radiologic Technologist

**Doing so much good
for the community!**



Social Worker:

- Bachelor's or Master's Degree
- \$44,060 Average Salary
- University of Sioux Falls,
Oglala Lakota College,
University of South Dakota,
Sitting Bull College

Counselor:

- Master's Degree
- \$42,670 Average Salary
- South Dakota State University,
University of South Dakota,
Northern State University





What the heck is an AHEC?

The West River Area Health Education Center (WR AHEC) was founded in the fall of 2019, and is located within the West River Health Sciences Center on the Black Hills State University--Rapid City Campus.

The West River Collaborative is representative of sixteen counties and two Native American reservations in western South Dakota, which meet quarterly as a cabinet to provide the strategic direction of the WR AHEC to fulfill its mission.

Mission Statement:

*Connecting students to careers, professionals to communities,
and communities to better health.*

INNOVATION + **COLLABORATION** + **EXCELLENCE**





**“The future
belongs to
those who
believe in
the beauty
of their
dreams.”**

- Eleanor Roosevelt



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